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SHOOT IS BACK IN ACTION



S you know an industrial Adispute involving journalists has prevented us from publishing for the past five weeks.

Happily, that dispute is now over and SHOOT is back in business!

Unfortunately the backlog of missing fixtures makes it impossible for us to feature our Line-ups, Results and Scorers service. This will be continued at start of next season.

A great deal has happened in the game while we've been out. Second Division West Ham caused a sensation and beat mighty Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley . . . Liverpool finally clinched the League Championship for a fantastic record-breaking 12th time . . . Aberdeen broke a 15-year Old Firm dominance in Scotland to win the Premier Division title . . . Celtic beat Rangers after extra-time in the Scottish Cup Final, a match marred by a crowd riot at the end.

Congratulations, too, for Footballer of the Year Terry McDermott . . . Scotland award winner Gordon Strachan . . . Bells Manager of the Year Bob Paisley and SHOOT's Most Exciting Players of the Year, Kenny Dalglish and Davie Provan.

Well done Northern Ireland who celebrated their Centenary Year by winning the British Championship outright for the first time since

Cheers also for Johnny Cartwright's Young England, Little **World Cup winners in East**

Commiserations to Scotland. still struggling to find their form and Trevor Francis whose cruel injury robbed him of a place in Nottingham Forest's triumphant **European Cup winning side.**

Hard luck Arsenal. Beaten at Wembley . . . beaten by Valencia in the Cup Winners' Cup Final . . . beaten at Middlesbrough in their last League match of the season which robbed them of a place in Europe next season.

To relive these moments we've

included a special four page photo feature in this issue.

There's also some of last season's stars in colour . . . all last season's Football League results — a review of 1979-80 . . . and your usual favourites such as Ray Clemence, Gordon McQueen, Andy Gray, Derek Johnstone and Peter Shilton.

So you can see SHOOT really is back on the ball.

I informed you in the May 10th issue that rising production costs have forced us to increase the price of SHOOT to 22p.

Yet, we still remain THE LEAST EXPENSIVE SOCCER MAGAZINE ON THE MARKET!

I promise you that my editorial team will be striving even harder to ensure we maintain the unbeatable standard which has established SHOOT as the biggest selling and most informative football magazine in Britain.

We shall continue to bring you the top names and personalities in the game . . . behind-the-scenes news and views . . . the action when and where it happens . . . exclusive interviews with the stars competitions . . . the very best in football photography.

SHOOT will remain top value for money and a winner for all soccer fans and people inside the game. Happy reading . .



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YOUR MOST EXCITING NF THE YEAR





A FIRST FOR DAVIE

ONCE again SHOOT's Most Exciting Player of the Year awards provoked a tremendous response from you, the readers, and after sorting through thousands of your votes, two of the most exciting talents in British soccer emerged as winners.

FOR KENNY

The English award goes once again to Liverpool's deadly striker Kenny Dalglish for the THIRD year in succession, while in Scotland Celtic's Davie Provan is the man who most caught the public's imagination.

Dalglish, who received this award in 1978 and 1979 and also gained the Scottish award while with Celtic, edged home in front of two men currently in Italy with England's European Championship squad -Glenn Hoddle of Tottenham and

Terry McDermott, also of Liverpool.
Since his £440,000 move from Celtic in August, 1977, Dalglish has been a model of consistency for Liverpool. The idol of the Kop, his goalscoring prowess this season helped to carry The Reds to a record 12th League Championship success.
On our voting forms we asked you

the readers to name the most important qualities of your most exciting player, and the plaudits for Dalglish

"Kenny has the unique ability to turn Liverpool's releatless pressure into goals," writes Alan Buxton of Stockport, while Colin Burns of Hemel Hempstead nominates Dal-glish for: "his alertness and mobility in the penalty-area."

Alan and Colin will both receive a special badge for correctly naming Kenny as the most exciting English League player, as will the hundreds of others who voted for him.

Certainly SHOOT's award, run in conjunction with Smiths Football Crazy this year, says a great deal for Kenny Dalglish's amazing popularity throughout Britain. Despite being outscored by his Liverpool team-mate David Johnson last season, Dalglish has remained the undisputed favourite at both club and international

Congratulations, Kenny Dalglish and Davie Provan SHOOT's Most Exciting Players of the Year 1979/80.

We will be featuring the special presentation ceremonies to both players in colour at a future date.

DAVIE Provan was Billy McNeill's first buy after taking over the manager's chair at Celtic. The Kilmarnock player cost just £125,000. Now, he's worth a cool £1 million — and is SHOOT readers' choice as Scotland's Most Exciting Player of the Year.

One defender said of the Celtic winger: "He's the type of player who makes you wonder why you took up football in the first place. He shows you the ball and then whips it away just when you are ready to tackle. I

pass when you are ready to inches.

Provan's ability was demonstrated in last season's Scottish Cup Final where Celtic beat their age-old rivals Rangers 1-0 in a pulsating game mar-red, of course, by the rampaging fans

at the end of extra-time.

McNeill gave the 24-year-old Provan a roving role in midfield and the player adapted to the new position as if he had been playing there all his

Best Player

Danny McGrain won the Man of the Maich award from the sponsors that afternoon, but many shrewd judges reckoned Provan was the best player afield. He patrolled the mid-field, started attacks, broke down Rangers raids, defended when he had to and supported Frank McGarvey and George McCluskey when the occasion warranted it.

It was a mammoth display by Provan and he promises there is more to come in future. He has just signed a lucrative two year contract with the Parkhead club that will make him one of the best paid players in Scottish

It's money well spent because he is a great favourite with the Celtic fans and woe betide any club who tries to buy him from the Parkhead men!

Strangely, Provan hasn't figured prominently in Jock Stein's international plans despite his marvellous consistency at club level.

Stein has brought him on as a second-half substitute against Belgium (twice), Portugal and Northern Ireland, but this gifted individual is certainly worthy of a place in the team straight from the kick-off.

Scottish fans have not had a lot to cheer lately, but Davie Provan can soon change that!

LIVERPOOL did it again . . . Arsenal blew out — and again . . . Forest and Northern Ireland achieved the 'impossible' . . . Kevin Keegan came home . . . Second Division West Ham felled mighty Arsenal . . . Aberdeen upstaged the Old Firm . . .

The season drew to a close in a blaze of drama. SHOOT was absent from the bookstalls at the time but we take pleasure in bringing you up-to-date with a four page pictorial record of the thrilling climax to a great season.









SHOCKS, SURPRISES, SORROW, SADNESS AND JOY five words which just about sum up the 1979-80 season, especially in its latter half. There were more than the customary number of unusual happenings, both at home and abroad, and, of course, it was not all gloom and despondency.

Arsenal's season of woe started to materialise back in December. Holding a 1-0 lead over Swindon at Highbury, they seemed about to enter the last four of the League Cup but the Third Division side popped in a late equaliser and, in a tremendous tussle down in Wiltshire, the home team emerged 4-3 winners after The Gunners had pulled back from two down to level.

The Robins proceeded to beat Wolves 2-1 in the first leg of the Semi-Final but were prevented from repeating their 1969 Final appearance 3-4 on aggregate. It looked as if First Division

leaders, Liverpool, would oppose the Old Gold at Wembley,



Despair for Arsenal's Graham Rix after his penalty miss in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

Semi-Final against Juventus. Young full-back John Devine committed the error which led to the Italians taking the lead, they lost David O'Leary to a cruel foul by Roberto Bettega, and, as well as equalising, they had another effort disallowed. As if to recompense them, the only goal in Turin came in the final minutes from 18-year-old substitute, Paul Vaessen, a goalless draw would have been insufficient for The

Gunners to make progress. Another youngster in the news was Graham Rix, the man destined to miss in the penalty shoot-out which handed Valencia the Cup-Winners' trophy after the two-hour

stalemate.

Even the British Championship was turned upside down in this topsy-turvy season. Unbeaten Northern Ireland, under new manager Billy Bingham and celebrating their Centenary year, ran away with the title for only the second time in 66 years, relegating the following day's England-Scotland clash to a fight

for the wooden spoon.
Earlier, Leighton James had
inspired Wales to give their new
boss, Mike England, a flying start
by beating England at home for the first time in a quarter of a century. That 4-1 win was their biggest in a series covering 101

Ireland, who had opened with a determined 1-0 victory over Scotland, making their first visit to Belfast for a decade, stole a Wembley point only a week after

SHOCKS especially when they returned to Anfield with a mere one-goal deficit and to a last-minute penalty at that, slotted home by the ever-reliable John Robertson after

an infringement by Ray Clemence However, Brian Clough's men played a fine containing game in the away leg to reach their third successive League Cup Final and continue both their good sequence over the Merseysiders and the latter's jinx in the one competition they have failed to win. Liverpool later gained revenge over their conquerors by knocking them out of the F.A. Cup.

Forest, in turn, were frustrated in their bid for a hat-trick of titles in the March Final by an uncharacteristic blunder between Peter Shilton and David Needham, substituting for the suspended Larry Lloyd, which left Andy Gray with an empty net for the only goal of the game, Wolves with their first honour for six seasons and their skipper, Emlyn Hughes, with the winners' medal which had eluded him at Liverpool

If the League Cup came up with some surprises, its elder sister provided some real upsets. West Ham's name seemed to be on the trophy from the start. They took two matches to beat W.B.A., overcame early arrears to win at Orient, two late goals broke the deadlock against Swansea, they scraped through against Villa with a last-gasp penalty and, against Everton in the Semi-Final, defender Frank Lampard sneaked up to head the 2-1 winner with minutes of extra-time remaining in

Joy for West Ham, and 17-year-old Paul Allen (right), after beating Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final.

Lowly Everton had, themselves,

caused some raised eyebrows by easily disposing of high-flying lpswich in the Sixth Round.

Meanwhile, it had taken four matches for Arsenal to shrug off Liverpool in the Semi-Final despite taking some early leads. When the London rivals met in the Final it was West Ham who established an early advantage, thanks to a rare Brooking header, and hung on to it to become the third Second Division Cup winners in eight seasons. A feature of the game was the way the youngest-ever Cup Finalist, 17-year-old Paul Allen, subdued 'old' campaigner

The League Championship was also not quite as straightforward as at one time seemed likely. The race looked all over by the end of March when Liverpool held a six-point lead at the top, but closest challengers Manchester United earned praise for the way they kept at their task of trying to overhaul their neighbours and at the tape, conceded the title by just

two points after some unaccustomed Liverpool lapses In Europe most of the British field was devastated at an early



stage and the four home countries were left without a survivor in the last 16 of the U.E.F.A. Cup for the first time. In the other two Continental tournaments, Nottingham Forest and Arsenal pressed on to the Final after surviving some tricky situations en

Holders Forest trailed Dinamo Berlin 0-1 after the home leg of their Champions' Cup Quarter-Final but snatched the tie out of the fire with a superlative 3-1 display in East Germany. Injury later robbed both club and country of the star of Forest's success Frevor Francis — but the Midlanders went on to retain the trophy with a magnificent rearguard action against strongly-fancied Hamburger SV

after Robertson's goal. Arsenal had little luck in their home leg of the Cup-Winners' Cup

the home team had humbled Argentina, but England recovered to comfortably win the Hampden confrontation with the Scots. The top teams were left to reflect what might have been

Arsenal, twice runners-up, even had a place in next season's U.E.F.A. Cup denied them by a 0-5 defeat in their 70th match of the season at Middlesbrough.

Forest had to be content with one honour instead of the two they had achieved in each of the last two years and Liverpool saw their double and treble aspirations evaporate in their failure to overcome these two main rivals in Semi-Finals.

Two less ambitious clubs were left smiling — Wolves and West Ham United — although the East Enders' would have been broader had promotion accompanied their Wembley glory.

'Maradona has a lot to learn' says Kevin Keegan

THE England v Argentina confrontation at Wembley produced some stunning football produced some stunning football and a 3-1 victory for England. It also pitched into direct opposition the European Footballer of the Year in Kevin Keegan and the South American equivalent Diego Maradona. Here Keegan talks about the exciting new talent and delivers some interesting opinions on the most talked about player in the world

When people talk about a player as much as they have about Diego Maradona after just 11 internationals, then you know he is a bit special. He is everything that I had read about tremendously quick, with great ball control, with that same low centre of gravity possessed by Gerd Müller, the West German

Tremendous

He is only about 5' 6" but he's got this little bit of extra acceleration that very few players have — Cruyff had it, Pelé had it. When he is going at one pace, which seems to be his flat out, he

then has another gear he can go up to take him away from players. Diego's other ability is his close control. You think you are going to get him and he feints to one side his balance is absolutely

The world has been crying out for a player like this since Pelé — a player who has everything. I feel sorry for the lad because he's got to live up to his reputation, but there again he seems to have the character to be able to go out and

perform.

I mean, Wembley can unnerve the best of professionals and he went out there and controlled the game for about 25 minutes in the first-half. If you look at anything Argentina did against us, he was

involved in it somewhere. I don't think that age is that important when you've got this special ability. Pelé started at 16-Maradona could have started at

16, too, but it's when you have the ability to come in at 19, which is

still a very young age, and command a game, demand the ball, that makes a player special. I noticed one quality which even the cameras couldn't pick up, and that is when they scored and got back to 2-1; he ran to the goal, picked up the ball and wanted to go back to the middle.

He wants to be a winner, so he has obviously got the character to go with being a great player.
People are going to kick him, not intentionally — he got quite a lot of stick at Wembley.
I don't think Dave Watson meant

to knock him over — Dave said you think you have got the ball and he nips it out of the way and he can't get out of the way himself.

Diego still has a lot more to learn — he's going to develop and get even more confidence. The best

place to learn and develop is in your own country, with your own people, speaking your own

Quite honestly, I think for a lad of 19 who is still learning the game, to go to Barcelona, which has been a great club, but which now needs not just one player but five or six, he might be biting off more than he can chew

more than he can chew.

When I went abroad I was 26 and I'd had a lot of experience with Liverpool, which helped me in my first difficult year in Germany.

My advice to Diego would be to stay put because, at 19, he can stay another five years. He would still only be 24 and could then go round the world and probably be a better player after it. player after it



SEDUCE THE SIZE OFTHE DVSO

IVERPOOL'S tremendous pileup of League and F.A. Cup games towards the end of the season has convinced me that players with successful clubs are over-worked — and that the only solution to the problem is to reduce the number of teams in the First Division from 22 to 18.

The likes of Liverpool have had to slog through something like 70 games. It took such a toll that none of us was performing at the same high level of a couple of months previously.

Brains and bodies became tired and often it was a question of playing from memory.

And the work-load would have been even heavier than battling for the Championship and to reach Wembley for the F.A. Cup Final if we had also been involved in the last stages of the European Cup.

Continental players, compared with their English counterparts, have an easy time, playing six to eight games less in their Leagues and also having to compete in only one domestic Cup competition.

Best players

Those of us who are internationals can add on around ten games for our countries, including the British Championship.

In my view the only possible solution is to reduce the number of teams in our First Division in order to ease the pressure on our best players and ensure they retain their appetite for the game.

I know that for those clubs axed by this piece of soccer surgery life in the Second Division is no substitute for the glamour and big gates of the First, but if the present system continues the standards at the

top and international levels will gradually decline.

A sad, depressing prospect when English clubs have done so well in the European Cup over the past four years and a revitalised England under manager Ron Greenwood reached the final stages of a major competition for the first time for a decade.

Of course, if the number of clubs in the First is reduced, then the relegation and promotion system between it and the Second will have to revert to two-up, two-down. It would not be possible to retain the present ratio. Unfortunate, because three either way has really stimulated interest and gates at the end of the season. No longer have clubs in mid-table felt secure.

I was discussing my idea with Arsenal's John Hollins, after our drawn League match with The Gunners at Anfield on April 19th, and he pointed out that players called upon to play the 70-plus games shouldn't complain, as it signified they were the lucky ones involved in chasing the honours. Players with clubs out of things would willingly swop places.

I replied that I'd never heard anyone moaning about a heavy match programme — it would be hypocrit-ical — and that the only reason I was in favour of the First Division being trimmed down was my conviction that if the present set-up continues, our game will suffer.

I'm not someone who wants wholesale changes in the game. It's been developed and refined over the past hundred years, so there should be almost a watertight case for any alterations or modifications.

Offside is a subject continuously under debate for obvious reasons. There's no doubt awards for this offence have the effect of slowing down a game.

So to reduce the number of times a ref has to blow up for offside, I'd suggest we move the "offside line" from the halfway mark to 35 yards from goal, as they have in the United States.

However, this would have to apply Worldwide, as it would be impractical to have to play to a diferent Law outside of England in international and club matches.

I certainly wouldn't advocate the introduction of any other of the Stateside innovations, such as



"shoot outs" to settle drawn games. This spectacular stunt debases soccer, turns it into a sideshow, and the Yanks will live to regret the changes they've introduced when they make a serious attempt to enter the international sphere.

Football is all about goals and I've heard many suggestions on how to boost them, including larger goals, and so far I've disagreed with every one. My proposed change in the offside law could help give the fans more of what they pay to see, though.

So could the abolition of the indirect free-kick in the penalty-area, as I suggested in a recent column. Obstruction and ungentlemanly conduct are as bad as any other foul and should merit a penalty award.

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Another factor in favour of removing the indirect free-kick in that vital area of the pitch is it would cut down arguments with the ref and hence bookings for dissent.

Despite the number of awards for

Despite the number of awards for indirect free-kicks in the box, it's very seldom a goal is scored, which proves how little advantage it often gives to the wronged attacking side.

One change I'd dearly like to see is the introduction of some means of reversing the downward trend of gates.

Perhaps we should copy the Americans' policy of attracting the family, making it an occasion for dad, mum and the kids?

The only drawback is that our clubs are invariably set in town and city centres, where it's impossible to expand to introduce car parking and other amenities.

Expense is another consideration.
I remember discussing with our Liverpool secretary, Peter Robin-

'TV ban on shirts with sponsors' names should be lifted'

son, a proposal for Liverpool and Everton to sell up their present sites and to combine in building a super stadium, with every conceivable facility for fans, at Aintree, where the Grand National is staged.

Peter ruled the idea a non-starter simply on the grounds of finance. Whereas Anfield and Goodison could be sold for a round three or four million apiece, it would cost something like five times the combined amount to erect such a stadium. At the present high borrowing rate, the interest alone would be astronomical.

But the fact remains, our game must pull back the missing fans. Revenue is falling while costs are rising

rising.

That brings me to the subject of the highly-inflated transfer fees that I believe are damaging the game. How can clubs possibly afford seven-figure "telephone numbers"?

The answer is, of course, they can't. They're playing with "Monopoly money".

The way to curb this practice is to carry through the suggestion that in order to deter clubs from making massive bids, there should be a condition that the money has to be paid within 28 days.

Potential

An indication of how "Mad Hatter" the transfer world has become is to contrast the fees Liverpool paid for myself and Kevin Keegan from Fourth Division Scunthorpe — £15,000 and £35,000 — with the £300,000 they've agreed to pay Chester for Ian Rush, a lad with similar potential.

In my opinion, £500,000 should be top whack for even the best player in Britain — Kenny Dalglish — in order to bring sanity to our transfer market.

This is the ceiling imposed by many Continental countries. Southampton paid only £400,000 for Kevin from Hamburger SV.

Partly because of rocketing fees, clubs have had to find additional

'Astronomical transfer fees should stop'

means of making money, the most recent of which is sponsorship.

But the ban by television on the wearing of shirts with sponsors' names on them is hindering this development, and the sooner it's lifted the better.

Another favour TV can do the game is to concentrate more on the good things that happen in screened matches instead of harping on the bad moments.

They don't enourage the absentees to resume the habit of going along to "live" games.

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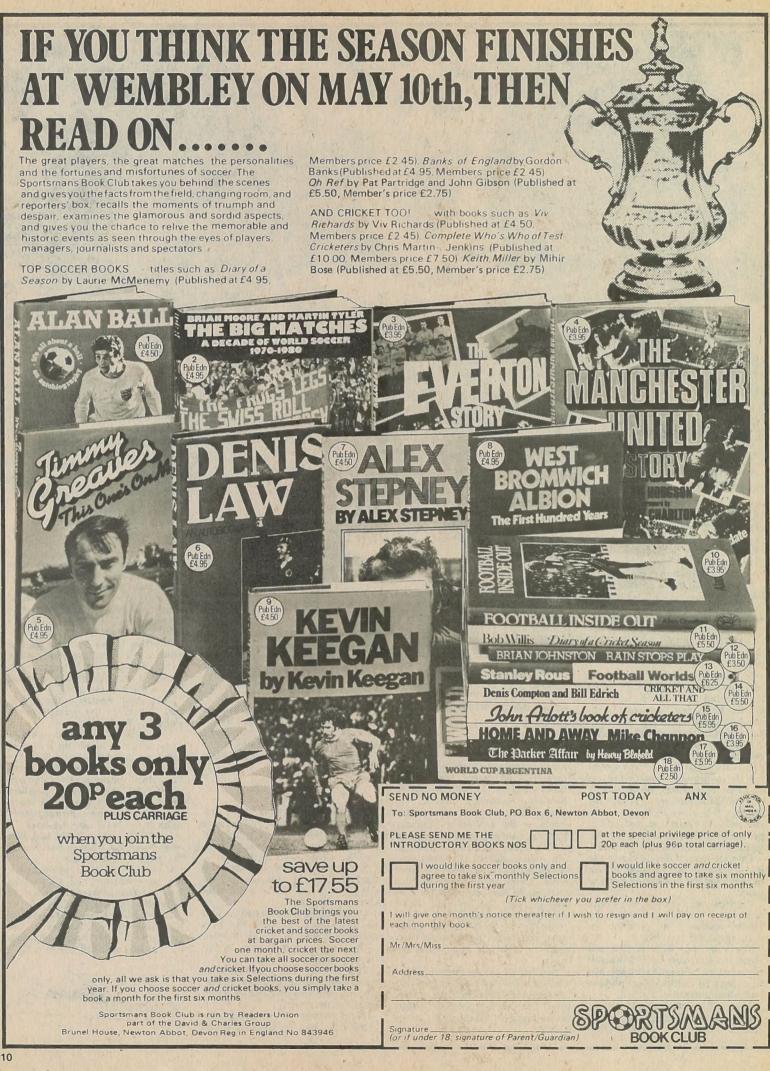
The game received bad publicity when, after the Birmingham v Luton game on "Match of the Day" in April, the commentator interviewed the Luton 'keeper Jake Findlay and asked him the leading question "Was it a professional foul when you brought down Birmingham's Keith Bertschin inside the box?"

Jake's affirmative reply laid him open to an F.A. charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

It would have been preferable if the commentator had asked Jake how he had managed to save Archie Gemmill's penalty kick!

Here's hoping that next season at least one of the changes in the game I've mooted becomes a reality. I'm sure football will benefit.

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'DISASTER FOR RANGERS'

THE new season just cannot come quickly enough for yours truly and everyone at Ibrox.

You might have thought that we would lose our appetite for the game after the disappointments of last season, but you would be wrong.

wrong.

We didn't win a thing last time out and that angers everyone at Rangers. We have set exceptionally high standards in the past and we didn't match them last term.

Rangers came close to being a good side last season, make no mistake about that. We played well in the Scottish Cup Final against Celtic, but didn't get the breaks and eventually lost in extra-time.

That game is now in the past, but it shows you just how fickle football can be. We played well enough in spells and might have had a goal or two, but the ball didn't bounce for us and, in the end, that spells disaster.

We are out of Europe and that is obviously bad news for a club of Rangers' standing. Possibly, though, we will get the opportunity to get on with rebuilding the team and everything will work out in the end.

Difficult

The boss, John Greig, introduced new players to the line-up last season and he will be doing so again this time.

Young John MacDonald played his first full season for the senior team and I don't think the experience will do him any harm. He knows now how difficult it is to be a Rangers player. Everyone wants to beat us and it means every game is a Cup Final.

Gregor Stevens, too, was settling into the side last season after his transfer from Leicester City. It takes time for a pattern to emerge in such circumstances and that is why we didn't play consistently well.

lan Redford is another who joined us last season when Mr Greig paid out £210,000 to Dundee for his striking talents.

Young lan is a superb player and he'll do a great job for the club in



1980-81, believe me.

We've also bought big Colin McAdam from Partick Thistle recently and he will be welcomed to lbrox with open arms.

His versatility is one of the features of his play and I believe he is a player who has always wanted to join Rangers. That means his attitude is right for a start and that can often mean so much. Colin scored over 20 goals for

Colin scored over 20 goals for Thistle in 1979-80 playing as a striker, but he can also be used in defence without any bother. I don't know where Mr Greig plans to play him.

It could be that I'll move back into defence and leave Colin up-front. I've always maintained that centreback is my best position, but it is up to Mr Greig to plan the team as he sees it. If he wants me to play in goal I would be delighted to follow his instructions!

I know the boss is looking at other players at the moment and, as I write, I believe he is ready to buy Jimmy Bett from Belgian club Lokeren.

The name might not be readily familiar, but I've heard about the player and he seems like another great acquisition for Rangers.

He plays in midfield and Belgian international team boss Guy Thys admits he would have been in his European Championship squad if he had been a Belgian. That'll do for us!

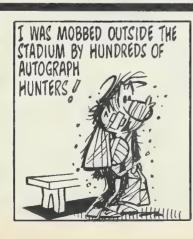
So, there is plenty happening around lbrox at the moment as we prepare for the new season.

We've got the players, the hunger, the talent and the determination to do really well. We've learned our lessons from last season... now watch us go!

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TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK















JOHN



FORMER Manchester United winger John Aston has retired from top-class

Now 33, Aston is best remembered for his brilliant match-winning performance on the left wing in the 1968 European Cup Final when Manchester United beat Benfica 4-1 at Wembley.

After several glorious years in the same United side with Best, Law and Charlton, Aston moved on to Luton in 1972 and helped them to promotion to the First Division in 1974.

In 1977 he moved to Mansfield and shortly after he moved to Blackburn, his last club

last club.

Aston, reflecting on his career, said: "I might play a bit of non-League soccer but I am happy with my business and I have had an enjoyable career."

He will devote most of his time to his family's pet food business which runs successfully in the Manchester area.

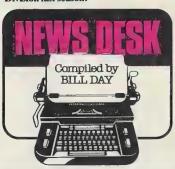
MANCHESTER UNITED'S Sammy McIlroy, Northern Ireland's skipper in their 1980 British Championship triumph, could become the youngest-ever Irishman to gain 50 full international honours.

Belfast-born McIlroy, unavailable for Ireland's close-season Australian tour, was six caps short of the magical half-century mark. He is still only 26, considerably younger than Pat Jennings, Terry Neill, Allan Hunter, Danny Blanchflower, Billy Bingham and Jimmy McIlroy when they totalled 50 senior appearances.

Grieving Town

THE MANAGER OF the Month awards

caused acute disappointment at Huddersfield Town. They are aggrieved because their manager Mick Buxton was not chosen for an award despite the club's success in winning promotion from the Fourth Division last season.



RAY WILKINS IS ANOTHER GILL

United and Republic of Ireland player:

"His use of the ball is so good, and he sprays it about just like Giles," says Sammy McIlroy, his transmate at Manchester United McIlroy, in a glowing ampraisal of the England player's victues, says that Wilkins will get better. "Next season I feel you will really see something special from him. He is a great passer of the ball, and he sees situations that are 'on' all the time.

"Wilkins is going to be a great multield general. Despite his lack of pre-season experience he has led himself into the system tremendously well at Old Trafford, and next season he is going to be even better."

MIDDLESBROUGH forward David Armstrong has postponed his testimonial match until September. The full England international found it difficult to line up a big attraction last season owing to fixture congestion.

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Penn stays

WALSALL winger Don Penn shot his side to VALSALL winger Don Penn snot his state to promotion last season with 26 goals. Several First Division clubs including Liverpool, Spurs and Manchester City keep him under close surveillance, but Penn is quite content to stay at Fellows Park... at least for the time being.

Assistant-manager Bert Johnson says: "Don is

quite happy to stay with us while we are successful. "We know the big clubs are watching him, but

nobody has come in with a firm offer. If they did it would be up to the lad to decide and we would not want to stand in his way."

Millwall link

PAUL ROBINSON (right), 17-year-old full-back with Millwall, has a special soccer link with Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton manager. Paul's grandfather, Fred Paul's grandiather, Fred Robinson, was trainer at Bishop Auckland under McMenemy, Paul, an England schoolboy and Youth cap, has been showing some impressive form for The Lions since first joining them as a schoolboy in October, 1977.



MOUTH ALL-ROUNDER

JEREMY COLLINS an 18-year old defender or midfielder with Plymouth, is a local boy who has already made good in another sport.

He has played cricket for Plymouth and is now hoping to make it big with Argyle. He has already played for an England FA XI against the Royal Navy.

Neil Hards, 18-year-old goalkeeper at Home Park, also has highly commendable sporting credentials. He's a former badminton doubles Champion for Portsmouth, plays cricket for Emsworth, and also enjoys playing squash, and golf, and goes swimming and fishing.

IKE FATHER

JOHN WOODWARD, an 18-year-old defender with Luton, has gone one better than his father by signing as a professional.

John's father was a groundstaff boy at Arsenal in the 50's.

Woodward, a county and district schoolboy player and also an England triallist, first joined Luton in July, 1978, and signed professional this year.

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The answer to these, and many other fascinating questions, are found in ROTHMANS BOOK OF FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORDS 1888-89 to 1978-79 published by Queen Anne Press at £10.00.



RELUCTANT

TONY BROWN'S (above) decision to join New England Tea Men was only made after a great deal of deliberation . . . because of his fear

deliberation . . . because of his rear of flying.

He said: "It is no secret that I do not like flying. But this is something I've got to get used to in America.

"As we fly to all our away games I should be an old hand at flying when I return to England."

Brown has the option to take up the rest of his three year contract with West Brom when he comes back home in late summer.

FORMER Scotland winger Willie John-ston, now with Vancouver Whitecaps, will join Blackpool when the American summer soccer season is over.

New Blackpool boss Alan Ball has convinced the ex-Rangers and West Brom winger to move to Blackpool.

DERBY'S MERCY MISSION

WHEN Derby's players heard that eight year-old Lisa Soloman had lost the fingers and thumbs of both hands in an accident they decided to help her.

The team autographed a football which was auctioned at a charity boxing event. Keith Osgood and Alan Biley, who took the ball to the boxing event at Burton, made sure the auction was a success by buying the ball for £50.

"We paid £25 each for it," said Keith. "It was for a wonderfully good cause.

Not satisfied with that, the two players handed the ball back for it to be auctioned second time.

It raised another £45 for little Lisa, who lives at Burton.



CREWE REJECT —A HERO

STRIKER Colin Spence (above, dark shirt) has discovered what a difference four months can make to a football career.

Spence, aged 20, was struggling to get a time with Crewe Alexandra in the Fourth

game with Crewe Alexandra in the Fourth Division six months ago.

Now he is a hero with the fans of Falkirk after helping them back to the Scottish First Division after a frustrating three-year walt. Said Glasgow-born Spence: "I was getting nowhere Jast with Crewe when the manager Tony Waddington said he was prepared to let me go back north."

Five readers to be coached by BOBBY CHARLTON

ANSWERS to the quiz in our 'Bobby Charlton' Competition were 1— 198; 2 - 106; 3 - Preston North End.

Senders of what were judged to be Senders of what were judged to be the five neatest correct entries were Peter Cowley, Coventry; Michael Gray, Wallsend; Andrew Horne, Pudsey; Russell Lloyd, Llanelli, and John Marshall, Glasgow. Each of these readers wins a week at Bobby Charlton's Summer Coaching School, being held at the University of Manchester during August. In addition, each wins a Litesome football strip and, from the great Dunlop range strip and, from the great Dunlop range of sports goods, a tracksuit, Select football, holdall, and a pair each of Super-stars football boots and Superstars

The second-prizewinners who receive a Litesome football kit, and Dunlop shoulder bag, football, football boots and training shoes, are: Jeremy Coglan, Bewdley; David Lilley, Sunderland; David Mullins, Wimborne, and Simon Newton, Chesterfield.

Completing our list of winners are Andrew Greenhalgh, Wolverhampton; Kevin Hayward, Aylesbury; Gary Milburn, Chester-le-Street; Anthony O'Reilly, Liverpool, lan Tudor, Berkeley, and David. Wright, Alton. They each receive a pair of Dunlop Superstars football boots and a pair of Superstars trainers



AN artist's impression of Tottenham's £3 million cantilevered stand, which they hope to open to supporters at the start of the 1981-82 season. Included in the new stand will be 72 luxury private boxes on two levels.

rootballing look-alikes, former Wimbledon defender Paul Bowgett now with Alliance League Wealdstone (right) and former Stoke City forward Viv Busby (left) would almost certainly come out winners.

The resemblance between the two is uncanny. Both stand over 6ft tall and tip the scales at over 11 stone as well as sporting the same beard and moustache.

But Viv has made a confrontation between the 'soccer twins' extremely unlikely. The skilful forward, whose goals took Fulham to the 1975 F.A. Cup Final, is now playing in America with North American League side Tulsa Roughnecks



Goodbye

WATCH OUT for Calderdale United next season! Who? At the moment they are known as Halifax Town.

But all that could change on the outcome of talks with the local council.

The possibility of a name change has been discussed in an attempt to identify the club with the whole of Calderdale and not just Halifax.

There's a feeling this might also persuade the local council to take a more positive attitude to the club's problems.

Unhappy King

ANDY KING looks as though he is on his way out of Goodison Park. Rumour has it that King and Everton coach Eric Harrison disagree, and with Harrison just signing a new two-year contract with the club, King is expected to leave. Everton would want at least £500,000 for King, and Coventry City are known to be interested.

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Down from the Second Division... relegated from the Third...

BUT BURNLEY AND BURY CAN BOUNCE BACK

BURNLEY, labelled the team of the Seventies by former manager Jimmy Adamson, face up to the Eighties from the Third Division.

It will be a new experience for the Lancashire club which found itself relegated from the Second Division well before the end of the season.

But manager Brian Miller remains optimistic that the Turf Moor side can bounce back with a combination of youth and experience.

"As always, we have some fine young players at the club," he said. "But that might not be enough to bring success next season.

"There are plenty of crafty old pros in Division Three and we may have to bring in a few of our own during the summer.

"Look at our neighbours Blackburn. They have done tremendously well in the Third Division, but a lot of it has been thanks to the experience of players like How-

predict managers



ard Kendall, Duncan McKenzie and Glenn Keeley."

Burnley have always had a reputation for treating their players well financially — they even tempted Martin Dobson away from Everton last summer with a lucrative three-year contract.

But Third Division gates may bring a change. "We'll have to be realistic and cut our cloth a little," says Miller.

But one thing that won't change is the club's famed ability to attract some of the country's top

schoolboy players to Turf Moor.
For example, England schoolboys star David Willis is joining
them from the North-East, always
a happy hunting ground for the
Lancashire club.

More than ever before in an era of big transfer fees, Burnley's future depends on players like him and others who have already made the breakthrough into the League team.

team.
Players like Kevin Young, Phil
Cavener, Vince Overson, Paul
Dixon and Stuart Robertson all
figured in the side last season.

When Miller replaced Harry Potts in the Turf Moor manager's seat midway through the season, he put his faith in these youngs-

And for a time — particularly over the Christmas period — it looked like they might just manage to keep alive the club's hopes of survival.

"We had a chance of staying up," recalls Miller, "then we hit a disaster with Martin Dobson getting injured and missing the last three months of the season.

"Martin was doing a tremendous job knitting the youngsters together and they were responding to his leadership. I'm not making excuses, but we might have escaped if he hadn't been injured."

Brian Miller and Dave Connor

F somebody had said to Dave Connor seven months ago that he would be managing Third Division Bury, he would have laughed at them.

"It's amazing," he says. "One minute you are out of a job and the next you are boss of a Football League club."

Connor, who played in every position for Manchester City except goalkeeper and centre-half in a 13-year spell at Maine Road, says: "When my career finished I went to Macclesfield Town as manager. I'd no designs on taking a managerial position because my first love was coaching.

'Tremendous'

"It was a fabulous introduction to this side of the game. I learned a tremendous amount in the 18 months I was there. I'm certain that if I hadn't gone into non-League football, then I wouldn't be able to do the job here at Bury."

After resigning at Macclesfield, Connor saw an advert which simply read: 'Wanted Reserve Team Coach'. "I applied and surprise, surprise, three weeks later I was offered the job at Gigg Lane, which meant I was in charge of the youth policy."

But there were more surprises in store for The Shakers' reserve team trainer.

"Manager Dave Hatton and first team coach Stuart Imlach were sacked in October," he says. "I must admit that it did cross my mind that I might be leaving as well. But they came along and asked me if I would take over the manager's chair.

"My first match in charge was against Plymouth Argyle on November 3rd, and we won 2-1 at home. Up to that stage, we'd only collected nine points from a possible 32 and we were four points adrift at the bottom of the Division

"We'd lost a lot of games in front of our own fans against the poor sides and we were having difficulty away from Gigg Lane — and that caused our downfall.

"The team had lost confidence. Senior pro's weren't playing to their capabilities. I decided that a few changes were perhaps needed and I brought in seven youngsters from the reserves.

"I gave them an opportunity they might not have had, and they've done the club proud. A lot of them have made a name for themselves and they command hefty fees now.

"it's amazing because these same players were not wanted when I took over the Central League side. They were only there to make up the eleven. Yet in my first twelve games we beat eight

First Division reserve sides. We shot up the League and that possibly contributed to me being offered the manager's job."

Connor's philosophy is simple. "If you earn good money, then you earn it on the field," he says. "I have young ideas. After all, I'm only 29. I don't happen to be a yes man. If anything, I'm a players manager.

"I've had to do some things which may point to me being a right so and so. But I said to my players when I took over that there will be the hard times and, if they survive that period, then we'll have some good times.

"We've been to Liverpool in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup. It's 48 years since Bury last went that far in the competition. Even though we were bottom of the Third Division I think the players who have stayed the course enjoyed it.

"We treat the players like men, which they are. If they fall out of line, then I jump on them. There are not many who do that actually, because they're a good honest set of lads.

"We're a very young side and all I try to do is just show them what can be achieved through hard work. We want to progress. We want to improve. It's no use us standing still. We want to build on the foundations.

"But I'll say this now. Although we've dropped into the Fourth Division, we're going to be a good side to contend with next season."



S the European Championship A reaches its climax, I shall be just about as far away from football as you can get, sunning myself in the West Indies, where cricket comes first, second and third. The only training I'll be doing is a relaxing swim and I hope the rest will recharge my batteries for preseason training, which begins in three weeks.

The end of the season was a disappointment for me. After playing over 50 games for Wolves, I was sick to miss virtually all the British Championship and Scotland's Eastern European tour.

I strained a thigh muscle playing for Wolves against Arsenal just before the domestic competition started. I was ordered to play; Wolves had to field their strongest team as The Gunners were chasing a U.E.F.A. Cup place. Never have I felt less like playing.

Rescue

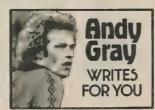
I was with the Scotland squad, looking forward to the British Championship when I was recalled on the Thursday evening. I jumped in my car around four o'clock. and broke down just after 10 on the motorway.

A pal from Glasgow came to my rescue and at seven the next morning I was at Glasgow Airport hoping to catch a shuttle service to the Midlands; there was no seat available. My last resort was the 9.30 train, which was packed solid. I arrived in Birmingham at half past three and playing was the last thing

I wanted.

I simply wasn't in the right frame of mind and perhaps fatigue was the reason I was injured. My preparation for the match was hardly ideal, to say the least.

I missed the games against Northern Ireland and Wales and was named as sub for the England tie. It's always been my ambition to play against the English and even though I came on in the second-half, my ambition has not really been ful-



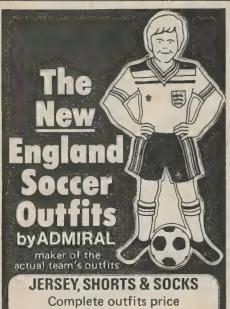
It was, I believe, only the second time I've come on as sub and it took me 15 minutes to get used to the pace of the game. By that time it was almost over.

There is a jinx on my Scotland career. For one reason or another I've started just twice under Jock Stein, yet I've barely missed a match for Wolves. It was reassuring to hear the boss say that I was still in his plans as in those two games Scotland had scored seven goals.

Looking back over 1979/80, I like to think it was a success for both myself and Wolves. Playing virtually a full season shut up a few people who doubted my fitness, while the

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ABOVE: "Winning the League Cup was a compliment to the management and playing staff at Wolves."

BELOW: "I came on as sub against England, but never managed to get used to the pace of the game."

team had what I can only call a

tremendous season.

I bet any Wolves fan, if asked a year ago, would have been delighted if we'd finished halfway. To finish sixth and win the League Cup after narrowly escaping relegation in 1978/79 is a compliment to the management and playing staff.

If £1.5 million can ever be justified (which I don't think it can) scoring our winner against Forest in the League Cup was as good a way as any of repaying some of my fee. It was the same in 1979 when £1 million Trevor Francis headed the

winner for Forest in the European Cup Final.

No one at Molineux is getting carried away by last season, though. In 1974, when Wolves won the League Cup previously, I remember Brian Moore at the end of his commentary asking: "Is this the start of a new era for Wolves?"

It wasn't, of course, but we're determined to work hard and not be one-season wonders. Aston Villa

BELOW: "I felt sorry for Arsenal, who played so well during the season but finished up with nothing.'





and West Brom have faltered after promising a lot recently, but they sold players. I don't think anyone will be leaving Molineux this summer and, indeed, I expect to see a few new faces by August.

Wolves have been good for me. When I came down to England from Dundee United I was a little naive. I scored a lot of goals, but I feel I'm a better player overall now. I hope the knack of scoring around 30 goals a season is still there and next season, with better service, perhaps I can step-up my service rate. I know for a fact that we'll be concentrating on this last aspect when pre-

season training resumes.

A quick look back at last season reveals no surprise regarding the League Championship, but a couple of outsiders winning the Cup.

Most people accept Liverpool will win the title before every season, but Manchester United pushed them close. The gap between the Anfield Reds and the rest is closing, although I'm not sure if this is because they're slipping or others are catching up. Whatever . . . I have a hunch we'll see a different name on the Championship in 1981.

It was good that Wolves and West Ham won the Cups and it's always refreshing to see unfancied sides doing well.

Empty-Handed

I felt sorry for Arsenal, missing out on everything in the end. Terry Neill kept saying "we haven't won anything yet" and they were fated to be empty-handed. As England has only three U.E.F.A. Cup spots next season The Gunners missed out, which is a shame after the sort of 1979/80 they had.

Forest? By their standards it possibly wasn't an outstanding cam-

Their League form was patchy, they lost the League Cup and won the European Cup. It's a question of standards; having said that, I'll settle for that sort of season any day!

Their win over Hamburger SV may not have been memorable, but Forest have now emulated Liverpool's European Cup achievement and we all know how highly they're

By the time I write my next column I'll be back at home in Wolverhampton doing a few exercises to ease myself into pre-season training. Join me again in two weeks.

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This week's Star Letter comes from David Bate of Edinburgh, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

STEIN MUST STAY!

I AM writing this letter in reply to the one published in SHOOT dated 3rd May, which was headed Time To Go For Stein! I think that the whole letter was a lot of nonsense from the first paragraph to the last.

The writer said that the only way to save Scotland's future is to appoint a new manager. That is Jock Stein has introduced a lot of new talent and is now beginning to get the results he has been wanting.

It is again rubbish to say that any other manager would have been sacked long ago, e.g. Ally Mac-Leod, because under Stein there have been no scandals or outrageous decisions as there were under MacLeod.

He goes on to say that we have kept faith in Jock Stein long enough, surely not considering he has only been manager for 18 months or so. During those months we haven't done too badly considering our exceptionally bad

run before he took over.
Surely it is better to have an older manager, with more experience? To say that players are picked because they wear a green or blue jersey is ridiculous. As for the S.O.S. campaign, I

think it can be disbanded.

 Scotland badly needed a successful British Championship to boost their confidence. Their poor results have only been helped by the exciting new players coming through.

No rights

ROM various football 'experts' comments it seems to me that up to 30 teams have a right to be in the First Division. These people claim that teams such as Chelsea, West Ham, Q.P.R., Newcastle and even Sheffield Wednesday belong in the country's premier Division.

No team has a divine right to be in the First Division - not even Liverpool.

Only a few years ago, the same 'experts' claimed Bolton were too good for Division Two after missing out on promotion in successive seasons. Now Bolton are back in Division Two and even had less than 9,000 at their home match with Coventry.

Few of the commentators of the game are saying how tragic it is for Bolton that they were relegated. The only clubs who belong in the

First Division are those who are

there on merit. Luton were promotion challengers all last season by playing exciting, attractive football despite limited resources and little tradition, yet how many 'experts' claim Luton belong in Division One? I have noticed very

JEREMY OWEN, AYLESBURY.

 True, but there can be no doubt that certain clubs add glamour to the First Division, and that's why it's good to see Sunderland pro-

Some cost

HE cost of admission to football grounds is expensive as is the travelling cost. However, the football fan has no right to expect his entertainment to be cheaper than anyone else; a visit to the theatre or cinema would be just as expensive as a football match.

> E. NEIL MARSHALL CARLISLE.

 How often do people travel 200 miles to the cinema?



'Perfect' Frank

WAS interested to read in an issue of SHOOT about the Italian football fan who, by using a computer, discovered that the 'perfect footballer' was age 24, 5ft 10in in height and weighed 11st 2lb.

I decided to look through some old "Shoot" Focuses so see if any player matched that description. To my amazement I found that none other than Celtic's Frank McGarvey is the 'perfect footballer'!

> GREGOR MILLIKEN. OBAN.

 They might not agree at Liverpool!

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Record goals

Who's scored the most Football League goals in his career?

NAJIMI M'HAMED. MOROCCO

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Arthur Rowley takes that prize,

Najimi Between the first post-War League season of 1946-47 and his retirement at the end of the 1964-65 campaign, he slotted-in a total of 434 goals in 619

slotted-in a total of 434 goals in 619 League games.
Broken down into clubs, Rowley scored four goals in 24 League games for West Bromwich, 27 in 56 for Fulham; 251 in 303 for Leicester; and 152 in 236 for Shrewsbury.
His brother Jack didn't do too badly, either — scoring 208 goals in 458 League games for Bournamouth, Manchester United, and Plymouth; in addition to picking up League Championship and F.A. Cup-winners medals, and scoring six times in six full internationals for England.

Top draw

What is the highest-ever score-draw in the Football League?

FRANKLIN, DAVENTRY

DAVENTRY

Daventry

I reckon you'd do well to better the 6-6 draw that Charlton and Middlesbrough fought out at The Valley on 22nd October, 1960.

After a chap named Brian Clough — I wonder what happened to him? — had scored a superb hat-trick for Boro. Charlton found themselves 4-6 down with the minutes rapidly ticking away and they didn't get their equaliser until into injury-time.

Charlton, incidentally, were involved in several other high scoring Second Division games that season.

Three weeks eadler, they'd beaten Portsmouth 7-4 there — and then, over the Christmas holiday, they beat Plymouth 6-4 at home, and lost to them 4-6 away.

Albion win

How did my favourite team, West Bromwich Albion, get on the day I was born — 12th September 1964?

ARTO VUORINEN, FINLAND

• Not too bad, Arto — they harmmered Stoke 5-3 in a home First Division game But, overall, it wasn't a marvellous season for West Brom. They could only finish 14th in the table — and were dismissed from the F.A. Cup first time

12 at Wembley

What is the highest number of goals ever scored in a game at Wembley? NICHOLAS KHOO,

As far as first-class football is concerned. Nicholas, it must be the 9-3 whacking England gave to Scotland on 15th April, 1961 — a feast of a dozen goals in the 90 minutes.

England's nine came from Robson, Greaves (three), Douglas, Smith (two), and Hayries (two), the Scots replying through Mackay, Wilson, and Quinn Like they say, follow that — especially against the tight-packed defences of nearly 20 years later!



Jimmy Greaves

I'd like to know how many goals Jimmy Greaves scored in the First Division?

RICKY DAVIES,

Every one he ever scored in the League, Ricky — that's a total of 357 — which just shows the top class setting in which Greavesey managed to pop 'em' in so consistently.

Broken down into clubs, that 357 consisted of 124 for Chelsea; a club-record 220 for Spurs; and a final 13 for West Ham.

He also scored nine goals for AC Milan in the Italian League, 44 for Eng-land, 13 for England Under 23, 35 in the F.A. Cup; seven in the League Cup; 13 in

Ted MacDougall's nine F.A. Cup-tie 🛚 goals for Bournemouth were scored in the 11-0 victory over non-League Margate on 20th November, 1971. (ANDREW STEWART, Presson) 1

• Leeds United's record gate is 57,892 (v. Sunderland: F.A. Cup Fifth Round replay, 15th March, 1967). (CHRISTIAN RAKVAAG, Norway)

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HOW THEY FINISHED IN 1979-80



The promotion and relegation battles of last season produced many a worried look from players and manager alike, but for Liverpool's Avi Cohen (above) and the members of the successful Hearts team (right), it was smiles all round in the end.

THIRD DIVISION														
	HOME AWAY													
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Grimsby	46	18	2	3	46	16	8	8	7	27	26	62		
Blackburn	46	13	- 5	5	34	17	12	- 4	7	24	19	59		
Sheffield Wed	46	12	6	5	44	20	9	10	-4	37	27	58		
Chesterfield	46	16	5	2	46	16	7	6	10	25	30	57		
Colchester	46	10	10	3	39	20	10	2	11	25	36	52		
Carlisle		13	6	4	45	26	5	6	12	21	30	48		
Reading	46	14	6	3	43	19	2	10	11	23	46	48		
Exeter	46	14	5	4	38	22	5	- 5	13	22	46	48		
Chester	46	14	6	3	29	18	3	7	13	20	39	47		
Swindon		15	4	4	50	20	4	4	15	21	43	46		
Barnsley		10	7	6	29	20	- 6	7	10	24	36	46		
Sheffield Utd		13	- 5	5	35	21	5	5	13	25	45	46		
Rotherham	46	13	4	6	38	24	5	6	12	20	42	46		
Millwall		14	6	3	49	23	2	7	14	16	36	45		
Plymouth		13	7	3	39	17	3	5	15	20	38	44		
Gillingham		8	9	6	26	18	6	- 5	12	23	33	42		
Oxford		10	4	9	34	24	4	9	10	23	38	41		
Blackpool		10	7	6	39	34	5	- 4	14	23	40	41		
Brentford		10	6	7	33	26	5	5	13	26	47	41		
Hull		11	7	5	29	21	1	9	13	22	48	40		
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Newport		46	16	5	2	47		11	2	10	36	28	61	
Portsmouth		46	15	5	3	62		9	7	7	29	26	60	
Bradford		46	14	6	3	44		10	6	7	33	36	60	
Wigan		46	13	5	5	42		8	8	7	34	35	55	
Lincoln		46	14	8	- 1	43	12	- 4	9	10	21	30	53	
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Doncaster		46	11	6	6	37	27	- 4	8	11	25	36		
Northampton		46	14	5	- 4	33	16	2	7	14	18	50	44	
Scunthorpe		46	11	9	3	37	23	3	6	-14			43	
Tranmere		46	10	- 4	9	32	24	- 4	9	10	18		41	
Stockport		46	9	7	7	30	31	5	5	13	18	41	40	
York			9	6	8	35	34	5	5	13	30	48	39	
Halifax		46	11	9	3	29	20	2	- 4	17	17	52		
Hartlepool			10	7	6	36	28	- 4	3	16	23			
Port Vale			8	6	9	34	24		6	13				
Hereford		46	8	7	8	22	21	3	7	13	16		36	
Darlington		46	7	11	5	33	26		6	15	17	48		
Crewe		46	10	6	7	25	27	1	7	15	10	41	35	į
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lpswich	42	14	4	3	43	13	8	5	8	25	26	53
Arsenal		8	10	3	24	12	10	6	- 5	28	24	52
Nottm For	42	16	- 4	1	44	11	- 4	- 4	13	19	32	48
Wolves	42	9	- 6	6	29	20	10	3	- 8	29	27	47
Aston Villa		11	5	5	29	22	5	9	7			46
Southampton			2	5	53	24	- 4	7	10	12	29	45
Middlesbro		11	7	3	31	14	- 5	5	11	19	30	44
W.B.A		9	- 8	- 4	37	23	2	11	- 8	17	27	41
Leeds Utd		10	7	- 4	30	17	3	7	11	16	33	40
Norwich		10	8	3	38	30	3	6	12		36	40
Crystal Pal		9	9	3	26	13	3	7	11	15	37	40
Tottenham	42	11	5	- 5	30	22	- 4	5	12	22	40	40
Coventry	42	12	2	7	34	24	- 4	- 5	12	22	42	39
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Everton		7	7	7	28	25	2	10	9	15	26	35
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Derby	42	9	- 4	8	36	29	2	- 4	15	11	38	30
Bolton	42	5	11	- 5	19	21	0	- 4	17	19	52	25

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Morton	36	9	- 4	5	24	16	5	-4	9	27	30	36				
Partick	36	6	8	4	24	22	- 5	6	7	19	25	36				
Kilmarnock	36	7	6	5	19	19	4	5	9	17	33	33				
Dundee	36	9	3	6	33	30	1	3	14	14	43	26				
Hibernian	36	6	4	8	23	31	0	2	16	6	36	18				

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Airdrie	39	14	2	4	46	21	7	7	5	32	26	51
Ayr	39	11	5	-4	37	22	5	7	7	27	29	44
Dumbarton		10	4	5	34	22	9	2	9	25	29	44
Raith	39	8	7	5	30	22	6	8	5	29	24	43
Motherwell	39	9	7	3	32	17	7	4	9	27	31	43
Hamilton	39	11	5	3	39	20	- 4	5	11	21	39	40
Stirling Albion	39	7	6	7	23	19	6	7	6	17	21	39
Clydebank		9	6	5	32	21	5	2	12	26	36	36
Dunfermline		7	7	5	23	24	4	6	10	16	33	35
St. Johnstone	39	5	5	9	28	32	7	5	8	29	42	34
Berwick	39	5	8	7	36	31	3	7	9	21	33	31
Arbroath		7	5	7	31	32	2	5	13	19	47	28
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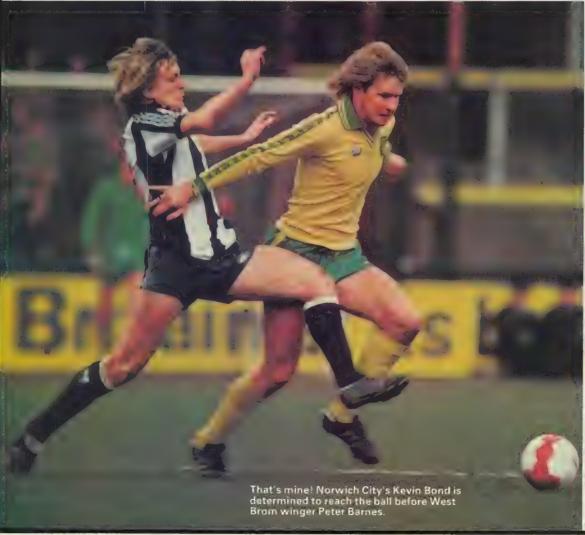
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Stenhousemuir	39	10	- 1	- 8	32	22	6	8	6	24	29	41					
Brechin	39	9	- 4	6	35	23	6	6	8	26	36	40					
Cowdenbeath	39	9	7	- 4	33	24	5	5	9	21	28	40					
Montrose	39	8	5	7	37	35	6	5	8	23	28	38					
East Fife	39	9	6	5	26	21	3	3	13	19	36	33					
Stranraer	39	7	- 4	8	26	25	5	- 4	11	25	40	32					
Meadowbank	39	7	2	11	17	29	5	6	8	25	41	32					
Queen of the South	39	6	6	- 8	29	29	5	3	11	22	40	31					
Alloa	39	8	- 4	7	32	28	3	3	14	12	36	29					

FIRST DIVISION:
Champions — Liverpool Relegated — Bristol City, Derby, Bolton.
Relegated — Bristol City, Derby, Bolton.
SECOND DIVISION:
Champions — Leicester
Promoted — Sunderland, Birmingham
Relegated — Fulham, Burnley, Charlton.
THIRD DIVISION:
Champions — Grimsby
Promoted — Blackburn, Sheffield Wednesday Relegated — Bury, Southend, Mansfield, Wimble
Relegated — Bury, Southend, Mansfield, Wimble
FOURTH DIVISION:
Champions — Huddersfield
Promoted — Walsall, Newport, Portsmouth Re-elected — Hereford, Darlington, Crewe, Roch
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SCOTTISH PREMIER:
Champions — Aberdeen Relegated — Dundee, Hibs.
SCOTTISH FIRST:
Champions — Hearts
Promoted — Airdrie
Relegated — Arbroath, Clyde.
SCOTTISH SECOND:
Champions — Falkirk
Promoted — East Stirling.
F.A. CUP:
Winners — West Ham
Runners-up — Arsenal.
LEAGUE CUP:
Winners — Wolves
Runners-up — Nottingham Forest.
SCOTTISH CUP:
Winners — Celtic
Runners-up — Rangers.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP:
Winners — Dundee United
Runners-up — Aberdeen.
WELSH CUP:
Winners Newport
Runners-up — Shrewsbury.
EUROPEAN CUP:
Winners — Nottingham Forest
Runners-up — Hamburger SV
EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP:
Winners — Valencia
Runners-up — Arsenal.
U.E.F.A. CUP:
Winners — Eintracht Frankfurt
Runners-up — Borussia Monchengladbach.

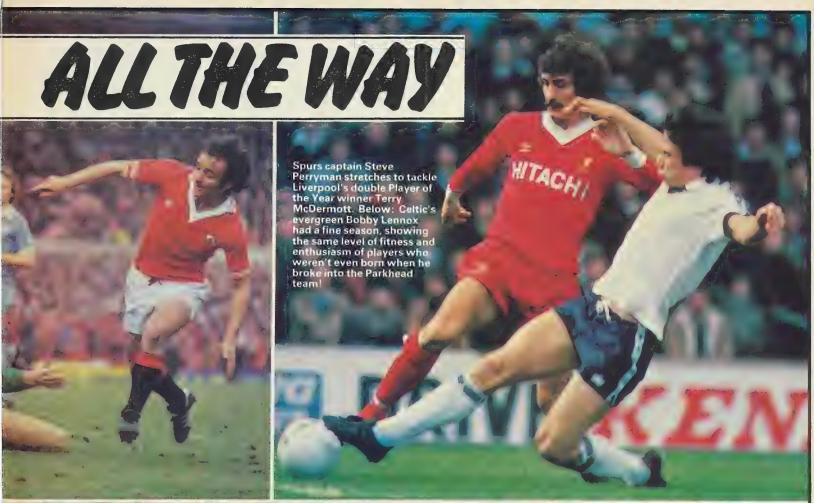
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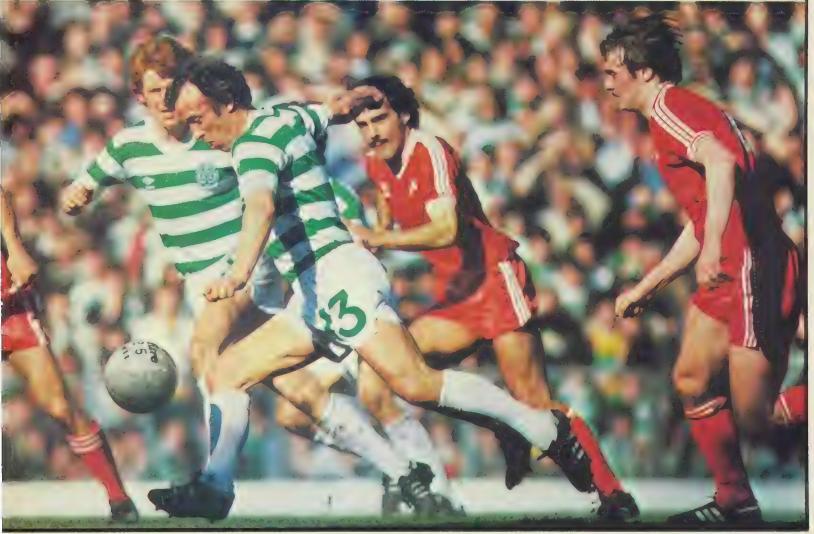


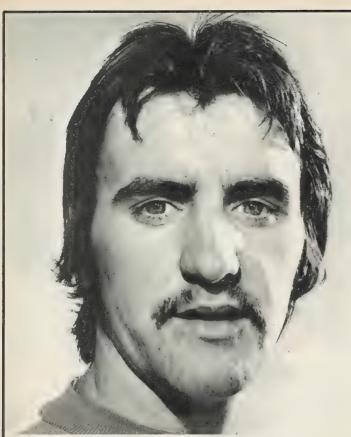
Manchester United's Lou Macari shoots wide of Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Corrigan, but past the











Hammers chase 'Man **Mountain**' **McDicken**

HEN Trevor Brooking stooped to conquer Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final with one of his rare headed goals, a part-time lorry driver in Scotland was more than a little envious.

Derrick McDicken, Kilmarnock's man-mountain centre-back, watched the goal on television and couldn't be blamed for thinking of what might have been.

McDicken, who drives a lorry when he is not playing football, is currently high on West Ham's list of priorities despite the

outstanding success of young
Alvin Martin at Wembley.
Upton Park manager John Lyall
made a £200,000 bid for the rugged McDicken last season, but Kilmarnock boss Davie Sneddon had no hesitation in turning it

down as being far too low.
There was disappointment then for McDicken who says: 'Kilmarnock are a good club and I know they will let me go if they get the right offer. I can't help wondering, however, about last season.

'It would have been great to have played at Wembley. Hopefully, I'll get another opportunity some time in the

Lyall travelled to Scotland towards the end of last season to have another look at 6ft plus McDicken and again he was

suitably impressed.
McDicken was playing against
Dundee at Dens Park and was
immaculate in defence. With the game still tied at 0-0 he decided to venture into attack and he put another couple of thousand pounds on his transfer value by

scoring a superb goal!
West Ham are obviously
disappointed at missing out on promotion last season and they are grimly determined not to fail again. A player of the stature of McDicken would stabilise their defence.

"A move to English football interests me," says McDicken. "I would like to go full-time because it would obviously benefit my football.

"I would like to see how far I could go in this game and I think my style would be suited to English football."

Uncompromising

West Ham are delighted with their last swoop in the Scottish market to sign Ray Stewart from Dundee United for £400,000. John Lyall now reckons the Scottish Under-21 star is worth over £1 million and no one is going to

margue with that rating.

McDicken is another who could mature in English football. He is an uncompromising giant of a defender who tackles solidly and rarely lets down the team.

The Kilmarnock fans will

naturally be sorry if — or when — he leaves Rugby Park.

He is a great favourite with the supporters and they have their own special chant for the player.

"Yes, I get on well with the supporters," he says. "They've been good to me and I always try to give them and the team 100 per cent effort.

That's the sort of dedication that could help West Ham restore their First Division status.



- 1. In Liverpool's final League game of last season they suffered a 1-0 defeat by Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park. The winning goal was scored by Dave Shearer who had just returned after a loan period with Walsall, Watford or Wigan Athletic?
- 2. Did Newport County or Shrewsbury Town win the Welsh Cup Final last season?
- 3. Which clubs finished the 1979-80 season as Champions of the Scottish First and Second Divisions respectively?
- 4. John Robertson was the hero of Nottingham after his goal secured the European Cup for Forest for the second consecutive season. Did Gary Mills (below), Garry Birtles or Martin O'Neill supply the return pass for the Scotland winger to hit the winner?



- 5. Who was voted the individual Football Writers' Footballer of the Year in England and Scotland?
- 6. Can you name Birmingham City striker Keith Bertschin's former club?



- 7. Joe Royle (above) was transferred from Bristol City to which First Division club recently?
- 8. England kicked-off their European Championship ties against Italy, Belgium or Spain?
- 9. Which four countries were in the other group of the Championship in Italy?
- 10. Northern Ireland topped the British Championship table with four, five or six points from their three games?
- 11. Wales began their World Cup qualifying games in June with a 2-0, 3-0 or 4-0 win against Iceland?
- 12. The European Cup-Winners' Cup Final between Arsenal and Valencia was decided on penalties. Did the Spanish club win 4-3, 5-4 or 6-5 on penalties?
- 13. Brian Kidd moved from Everton to Burnley, Brighton or Bolton Wanderers for a fee of £110,000?
- 14. Trevor Brooking scored West Ham's winning goal against Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final in the first or second-half?
- 15. Who scored Celtic's extra-time winner against Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden?

ANSWERS:

1. Wigan 2. Newport County 3. Hearts and Falkirk. 4. Birtles 5. Terry McDermott and Gordon Strachan. 6. Ipswich 7. Norwich 8. Belgium. 9. West Germany, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Greece, 10 Five. 11. 4-0. 12. 5-4. 13. Bolton. 14. First. 15. George Greece, 10. Five. 11. 4-0. 12. 5-4. 13. Bolton. 14. First. 15. George

UTON Town's skilful and reli-able central-defender Paul Price was an inspiration at Kenilworth Road last season to his team mates, to the fans, and to one lonely, forgotten footballer in par-

The forgotten man was Pasquale Fuccillo, best known as "Lilly" to the Luton fans, a powerful, skilled, goalscoring midfield player whose greatest asset was cruelly broken, not once, but twice in less than 12 months.

months.
Fuccilio, a Luton player since turning professional in 1974 and the Bedford-born son of Italian parents, is a natural left-footed left-sided midfield player, a rarity in modern football.

Look through the First and Second Divisions and name a dozen or ond Divisions and name a dozen or more top-class left-footed mid-fielders. After Brady, worshipped by Italian clubs, Muhren, imported from Holland, Rix, Kennedy, Paddon and Devonshire, the task is not easy. No wonder Fuccillo says, "There aren't too many left-footed midfielders around — that's why I am confident I can get my place back at Luton next season."

Back at Luton next season."

Back in December, 1978, at a time when Fuccillo was enjoying his football as an established man in the Luton team, tragedy struck him in a Second Division game at Brighton. A heavy, late and much- publicised tackle by

Paul Clarke broke his left leg. "I had scored seven goals in 18 games that season," said Fuccillo, "and for two seasons before that I

***************** UTON'S chief-executive John

Lismith has proposed a revolutionary new Football League structure that should be introduced as soon as possible, he believes.

ln the opinion of the man who now guides all of Luton's off-the-field commercial activities, the present structure of four Divisions should be scrapped and replaced by a League programme divided into two stages — with eight Divisions of 12 clubs in the first, and four of 12 and six of eight in the second second

There is no doubt we need a radical change — and we need it now before it is too late and too much damage is done," said Mr Smith, outlining his plan for foot-ball's future in Luton's revamped

colour programme.
"Our Fourth Division clubs are not in favour of regionalisation to save travelling costs. If they were I believe it would have been implemented by now. Anything which can provide additional inter-est must be a good thing for the

game." The most remarkable points in



Was a real blow."

Ten months later, following hours of agonising preparation for a return, the unfortunate Fuccillo broke his left leg again, playing in a youth League game as part of his comeback programme. "It wasn't so bad the second time," he said. "I didn't feel much pain it was like popping a piere of

time," he said. "I didn't feel much pain. It was like popping a piece of bubble gum. I broke it in exactly the same place but the break was not so bad as the first one."

Luckily for Fuccillo there was one man on hand at Luton who knew exactly what the double legbreak heartbreak felt like. The team's quiet, cultured and highly promising defender. Paul Price. promising defender Paul Price.

Until the last two seasons he had been played mostly at right-back in the first team. "But I back in the first team. "But I always preferred playing in the middle and was pleased to be moved there after Paul Futcher left for Manchester City," said Price, now captain of a team he regards as the most skilful he has played in at Luton.

"Everyone in the team has skill," he said. "And it is true we do miss Lil because he is a natural left-sided player. We miss his goals as well, but don't forget some of them were penalties

"When you are out with a seri-ous injury — as Lil and I have been — you don't think of what you are

now a member of the Wales side, had been through exactly the same agonies before he finally made it into the first team.

When Fuccillo returned to the kind of solitary confinement that injured footballers loathe, it was Price's understanding and encouragement that kept his spirits up. "I knew just what it was like for Lilly," said Price, Luton's longest-serving player and at 26 surely on the threshold of a long international career with Wales, the land of his father.

"I broke my right leg twice within a year before I made my full debut, after nearly 20 appearances as substitute, on the same day as Lilly — at York in February, 1976."

Fuccillo quickly interjected. "Yes, I remember it A 3-2 win. I scored one and made one."

It was a good day for both players and set them out on first team careers at Kenilworth Road, the ground where they have spent all their League careers to date.

Like Fuccillo, Price came to Luton as an apprentice from his home town, Welwyn Garden City, and made the grade after patient work in the youth and reserve

missing and worry about what could have been. You just want to get back in and be part of the first team set up again. I am sure Lil will get back into the squad next term."

Fuccillo himself has no doubts that the worst is now over as he is back in training joining in five-aside games and often travelling with the team to away games. But he is quick to point out the worst part of missing one-and-a-half seasons — "It's the games, playing football," he said.

"When I sit in the dug-out I want to jump up and head the ball for them. I want to have a shot or make a pass or tackle. Watching games is so frustrating and the waiting and physio work gets very monotonous. But our physio here at Luton, John Sheridan, has been terrific, marvellous, always very understanding."

At 23, with over 100 appearances and more than 20 League goals behind him. Fuccille now has plenty of incentive to forget his injuries and catch up with the fair-haired defender who shared his debut day... and start hitting the net again with his blistering left-foot shots.



Mr Smith's proposals are the two-stage idea and the mixing up of big clubs and small clubs in smaller Divisions.

"It is time for a complete change," he said. "Although my

change," he said. "Although my ideas may have a radical bearing, I believe it would re-stimulate interest at all levels.
"It would mean 96 clubs, the four new ones could be recruited from the Football Alliance, giving them an incentive.
"Each season, clubs would be seeded by a committee from one

seeded by a committee from one to 96 and placed in each Division. It would mean a mixture of First. Second, Third and Fourth Division clubs being in the same section and would obviously throw up the possibility of, say, Hartlepool playing at home to Manchester United. "The existence of the competition in itself would stimulate inter-

est in increased attendances, although I admit there could be

although I admit there could be problems.
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T'S great to be back! Judging from comments I've received from players, people in the street and my local newsagent, you've missed your SHOOT as much as I have.

But the industrial dispute that hit IPC Magazines was just one of several setbacks I've suffered this year.

Manchester United's failure to win the Championship after chasing Liverpool for much of the season was a sickener.

But at least we ended as runners-up to earn a place in Europe for the first time in three seasons.

Liverpool are worthy Champions, you can't argue with that. They turned in so many classic performances it's amazing in a way United managed to keep pace with them.

Naturally, I was upset at missing the British Championship and Scotland's tour of Poland and Hungary.

I was injured and couldn't have played, but I doubt if manager Jock Stein would have selected me for

the squad anyway.

He's rebuilding by using a larger percentage of home-based players. That's not sour grapes.

I desperately want Scotland to do well and if Mr Stein gets success without using Anglos, great. That can only improve the Scottish



League which would benefit the whole game.

I must admit I was a little surprised Jock Stein overlooked United's Martin Buchan and Lou Macari. They had a fine season and their experience could have proved invaluable to the younger, newer faces in the squad.

I certainly don't envy Jock Stein his task. Making Scotland a major force again is going to be a long, hard job.

There were encouraging signs when Scotland beat Portugal 4-1 at Hampden. But then came defeats against Northern Ireland (1-0), England (2-0), Poland (1-0) and Hungary

Next season will be make or break for Scotland as they prepare for vital World Cup qualifying ties against Sweden, Portugal and Northern Ireland.



tie at Old Trafford, but am told it's an experience never to be forgotten.

United are geared up for a successful 1980-81, at home and

We've a tremendous squad now. There aren't many teams around who could afford to lose players through injury with the experience of Jimmy Greenhoff, Lou Macari, Ray Wilkins and myself and still keep in the Championship race.

That's a sure sign we have a squad good enough to win honours next season. Another very important factor in our favour is the tremendous team spirit at the club. The lads are

a first-class bunch.

I'd say United now have a set-up better than the one at Leeds ten years ago ... and you know how

United's last game in Europe, against Porto in the Cup-Winners' Cup (left). Gordon with baby daughter Hayley (below) who joined him for a recent hotiday in America.



successful they were.

Now, let me bring you up to date on my movements since my last column.

United played their last match of the season against my old club Leeds at Elland Road and lost 2-0.

The team flew to America directly after the match at Leeds for a game on Tuesday (May 6th) against Portland Timbers in Oregon.

United won 1-0 against a side that included my pal, former Manchester City and Scotland defender Willie Donachie and Bristol City's Garry Collier.

It was then on to Hawaii for a week's holiday with the lads.

Because I was not involved in the British Championship there was no need for me to rush back from the States. So my wife Yvonne and baby daughter Hayley joined me for a further two weeks holiday in Florida.

I didn't do much except laze in the sun and watch Tampa Bay Rowdies play New England Tea Men, Vancouver Whitecaps and Tulsa.

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There were also quite a few English League games shown on telly out there, including Leeds v. Wolves.

During that match the American commentator suddenly announced: "If you want to know all about English teams and stars, results and statistics get SHOOT magazine.

I was amazed, but it proves just how renowned the magazine has become, it also made me feel proud of my association with the publication.

We flew back from Florida on Monday June 2nd and spent a few days relaxing at home before going to my parents in Kilburnie, Ayr-

I was best man at my brother's wedding on June 17th, but that wasn't the only reason for my visit

All I hope is I'm still part of Jock Stein's plans for the future.

United will also face a big test next season, in the U.E.F.A. Cup. We've waited too long for this sort of competition to let the chance of European success slip.

Last season Nottingham Forest took the glory by retaining the European Cup.

All right, so they didn't play particularly sparkling football but it was still an incredible achievement considering their indifferent League season.

Forest fans now take European football for granted. Well, so should Manchester United.

A club with our tradition and resources should . . . no MUST . . . be involved in Europe every season. I have yet to play a European Cup-

Tampa Bay Rowdies v Vancouver Whitecaps, and a number of familiar faces from the Football League.



to Scotland.

My family and pals up there wanted to see Yvonne and the baby. I took the opportunity to have a few jars, play a few rounds of golf and generally relax.

I didn't do anything too strenuous to save aggravating the back injury I suffered towards the end of last season.

We plan to return home to Cheshire at the end of this week. Then I'm due a visit to the SHOOT offices to discuss plans for next

But I'll be back before then . . . in two weeks' time in fact. See you

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SCOTTISH CUP-FINALS

AZIU Deyna always had an ambition to play in England. And though the Polish star hasn't had a completely happy time at Manchester City, he is glad he came.

He says: "It is a very big adjustment to come to English football from Poland. But I think I have proved that I can play in the First Division.

"Firstly, I wanted to prove it to myself but also the fans and coaches of Manchester City."

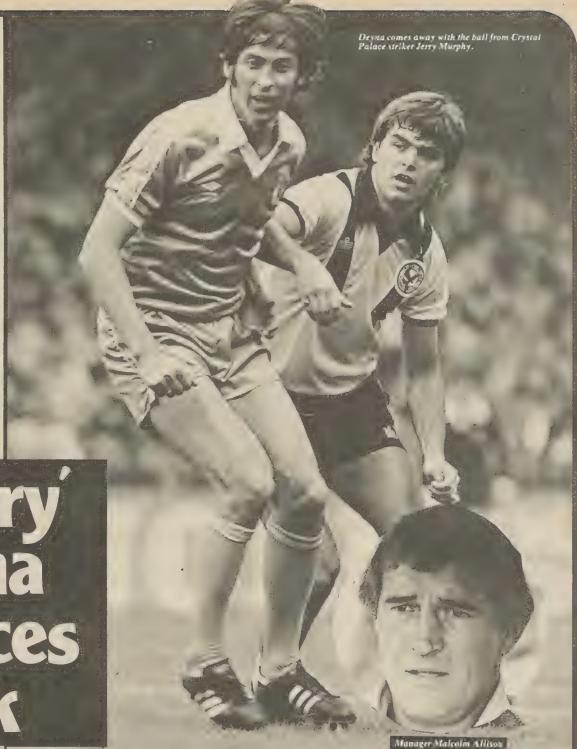
Deyna cost City £100,000 but hardly any of that fee was paid in cash. Most of the fee was made up in radio parts and equipment. Maine Road coach Malcolm Alli-

Maine Road coach Malcolm Allison immediately declared that the former Polish skipper was going to be the player who passed on his ideas to the other players on the field.

He's been dropped twice since and been branded by Allison as "lazy" and "a luxury". But luxuries were something they were very short on at Maine Road last sea-

Says Deyna: "I don't think it was fair for Malcolm Allison to call me lazy. When I was in the team earlier in the season, I was scoring goals and we were picking up important points. I don't know why I was dropped."

Allison eventually found, however, that he couldn't afford to do



Luxury Deyna bounces back

without the skills of Deyna, capped 105 times for his country. He was brought back into the

He was brought back into the side to help direct and steady the youngsters and give Dennis Tueart

someone to play with.

Deyna is disappointed with the lack of progress made in English football. "I don't think it has changed in the 20 years I have been watching it.

"Physically, and in their running, the English players are fantastic. But they could do with more technical training and even thinking training.

"There is no room for players to use ther own initiative in training. It is a big problem for clubs to find

new training methods.

"On the field, players are still always trying to play long passes, 30 or 40 yards, and then it's in to the net with the head. For me, that is difficult to adjust to."

He doesn't like some of the treatment he has had from defenders, either. "Often, teams have put one man on me to stop me playing. When you get a player doing that and not even taking part in the other things in the game, it is difficult."

Deyna, though, has seen some signs that English football could be improving in the right way.

"The Liverpool team are very, very good. They are a dream team, really, because they have clever, thinking players in all positions. They don't play like an English team at all.

"Always, they play the ball from foot to foot and all the players are involved in their build ups. It would be very satisfying to play for them."

At national level, too, he sees hope for England. "Ron Green-

wood has done a very good job. He is a clever, broadthinking man and he is getting England back on the right lines.

"He always gets good players around him and the team he has got now could be the most successful England have had for some years.

"They have been playing very well in recent months, and must be a good bet for the 1982 World Cup in Spain if they can maintain their current rate of progress."

Deyna always played midfield at home in Poland and for the national side. But since being asked to play up-front for City, he's come up with some spectacular, and vital goals.

"When Manchester City approached me, I naturally thought it was to play in midfield.

"But I can play wherever the coach wants me. I am happy I have done the job required of me as an attacker."

What Deyna didn't expect was to find himself in a City side struggling at the foot of the First Division. He'd been hoping they would be challenging for the top.

His future has been put in doubt because of the times he has been left out and he says: "It's not possible for me to know exactly what the coach and the manager are planning to do.

"I am happy in my ability to keep playing in the First Division. But it is up to the coach to say whether I am in his plans.

"Whatever happens, my time in England will remain the highlight of my career. I have proved that I can play here and that was always what I wanted to do."



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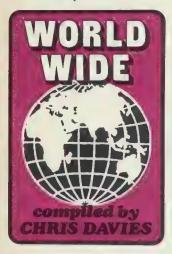
The men from Peru

Commercial Aguas Verdes, runners-up in the Peruvian National Amateur Championship who were the base of the Peruvian team that took part in the Olympic qualifying games, have begun a so far unsuccessful cam-paign to be "invited" to join the Professional League this season.

One of the reasons given by the delegates of this team from Tumbes, a small town on the border with Ecuador, was that they are trying to build up "a nationalistic spirit which will avoid the influence of the Ecuadorians."

influence of the Ecuadorians."

Apparently, television programmes from Ecuador are more local than the local ones, and it is common for inhabitants to follow Ecuadorian teams instead of Peruvian ones!



REMEMBER how the French national team had a row about which boots they were going to publicise during the 1978 World Cup? The same thing is happening at the moment at Paris St Germain, where their Portuguese star midfielder Alves has

signed a contract with Pony.

The club has a lucrative deal with

Schalke 04 and West Germany's striker Klaus Fischer with his family in hospital, reflecting on the broken leg which kept him out of the European Championship Finals. Fischer was Germany's top scorer in the qualifying ties.



nningham 'causing unrest'

ife isn't all paella, pesetas and roses for Laurie Cunningham in Madrid. Opinions are still divided about the ex-West Brom winger, and one sports paper in the Spanand one sports paper in the Spanish capital has certainly got a knife in Laurie's back — criticising him ruthlessly game after game.

They recently published a two-page feature alleging that Laurie's Real Madrid team-mates were up

in arms because the English star is

the season. They're alleged to be

insisting on terms at least equal to those offered to Cunningham. The paper goes on to predict major unrest in the Real dressing-rooms, and ends: "Cunningham is to blame. One can't earn so much and play so little."

pocketing 400,000 pesetas per match (about £2,800), which is considerably more than the rest. West German midfielder Uli Stielike and right-winger Juanito are among the Real players whose contracts terminated at the end of



Barcelona

mention Hans Kranki on this page recently, as his pic-turesque situation has been changing day by day! You may remember he was transfer-listed by Barcelona after falling out with manager Rifé, and FC Vienna finally snapped him up on loan for the rest of the

But when Barcelona sacked Rifé and called in Helenio Herrera to see out the season, the new manager found himself without a central striker on the books — and asked the directors to bring Krankl back!

FC Vienna weren't happy, and Barcelona had to offer them £50,000 in commensation. And Krankl wasn't

compensation. And Kranki wasn't happy either — so the Spanish club offered him terms amounting to £45,000 if he'd return for their last

ten League games. Kranki was finally convinced, but

just as he was about to return to Barcelona, some of his ex-teammates made it plain that he wouldn't be welcome after some comments he'd made to the Press. And in his last match with FC Vienna, he sustained a fractured rib, which gave him a convenient excuse to back out of the deal.

Barcelona and Herrera find them-selves forced to see out the season with no striker, and — even though Krankl still officially belongs to the Spanish club — they're trying to offload the Austrian as soon as someone produces the cash . . .

Meanwhile Barcelona broke an incredible run with their 0-1 away win against Las Palmas — it was their first League win outside Barcalona since October 8th, 1978! But their victory sparked off some dour criticisms from the Spanish Press, who described their attitude as "disgrace and a footballing crime."

Barcelona had fielded no fewer than seven defenders in their line-up, and had done nothing but defend a ninth-minute goal when a freak deflection took a Rexach freekick into the net.

And afterwards their manager Helenio Herrera had the cheek to say that Barcelona had played an English-style game.

When your luck's out

With France's top goalscorer of recent years, Carlos Bianchi, the victim of a disagreement with manager Gilbert Gress, French Champions Racing Strasbourg just can't seem to find the net with any degree of regularity.

They failed to score in their European

Cup Quarter-Final tie against Ajax (0-0 and 0-4) and their lack of fire-power led to their elimination from the French Cup by lowly Nice.

In the first-leg in Nice, Strasbourg were awarded a penalty and Francis Piasecki (who'd never failed from the spot) had his shot saved by goalkeeper Peyron.

When you're not on top form, not even the penalties go in.

News Hashes

Uruguayan goalkeeper Freddy Clavijo agreed terms with Argentina's Velez Sarsfield, but his transfer was vetoed by the Uruguayan F.A. who have promised to prevent players on the list of World Cup 'possibles' from emigrating.

Eintracht Frankfurt played four games in South Korea during June, games arranged by their forward star Bum-Kun Cha when he went home during the brief winter break.

A blow for West Germany: Norbert Nigbur, successor to Sepp Maier in goal, had a cartilage operation in

April and was forced to drop out of the European Championship reckoning.

Ernie Brandts of PSV won't be joining Arsenal after all. The Dutch defender has signed a new four-year contract with the Eindhoven club.

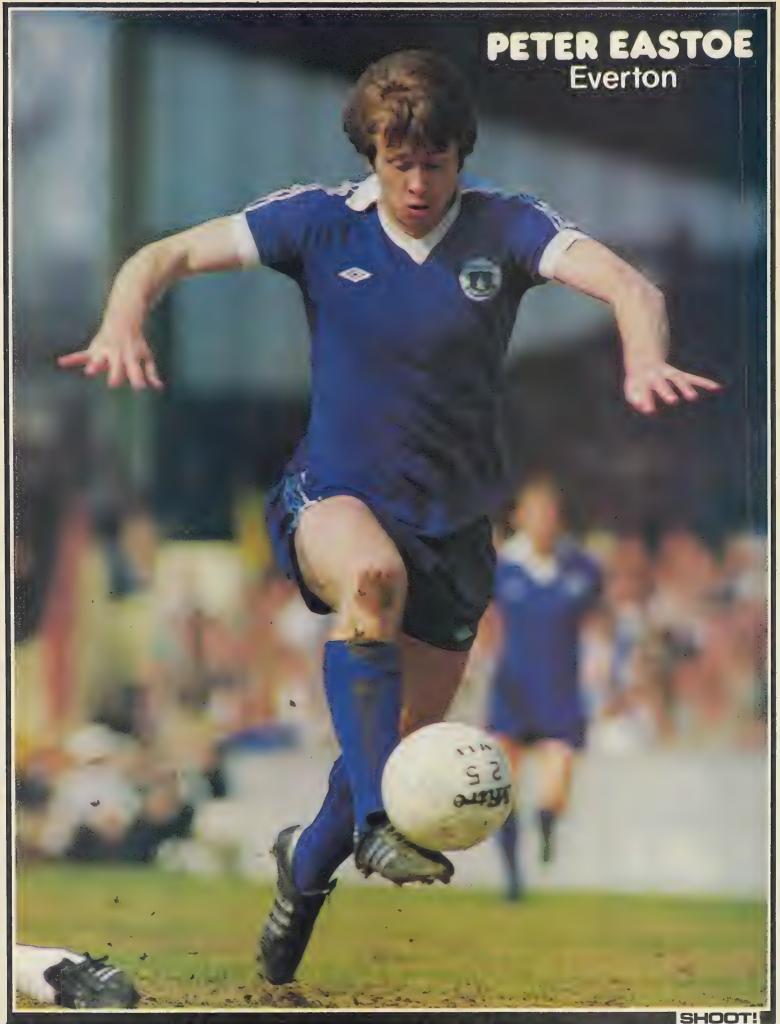
Staf Van den Bergh, coach of Belgian side Antwerp FC, sent his players home during a training session because he felt there wasn't enough commitment enough commitment.

Some inter-American transfers concerning British players: Brian Alderson (Atlanta to New England), Paul Cannell (Memphis to Washington), Davie Robb (Philadelphia to

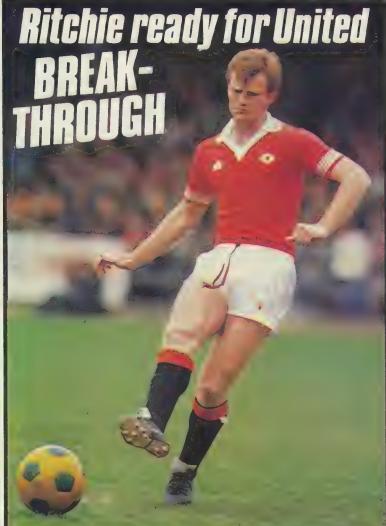


Ronnie Hellström (above), Swedish international goalkeeper of 1.FC Kaiserslautern, has run into financial difficulties; his chain of jeans shops have closed.

When Hennes Weisweiler left Cologne for the Cosmos last month, it was the 100th managerial change in the Bundesliga in its 17 years.







HEN Andy Ritchie scored a WHEN Andy Hitchie scored a hat-trick against Spurs in April, Manchester United's kit-man told him: "You'll have to stop doing this — we're running out of halle"

Ritchie was, of course, given the match ball after an incredible performance.

It was only his second appearance of the season in the League and United's first hat-trick since Ritchie's a year before against Leeds.

After that game, Ritchie was dropped, which must be some kind of record. He says: "We were playing Liverpool in the 1979 F.A. Cup Semi-Finals the following game and as Joe Jordan was fit again after injury, I was left out.

'Naturally, I was very upset but Joe is a first team regular so it didn't come as so much of a surprise.

"I've had so few chances to prove myself that I was deter-

mined to make something of it against Spurs. I asked our assistant-manager Tommy Cavanagh before the game how many goals I needed to stay in the team and he said five. So I fell a bit short!"

Ritchie, 19, is obviously a great prospect for United and the fans can't understand why he hasn't been given more of a chance at Old

At the start of last season, United were without both their regular front-men, Jordan and Jimmy Greenhoff. Yet Ritchie was continually ignored or asked to sit on the substitute's bench.

It seemed logical to bring in a big striker to replace at least one of the injured pair but manager Dave Sexton persisted with Lou Macari Steve Coppell down the middle.

Ritchie is certainly good at scoring, especially when the ball is on his left foot. So it's surprising he hasn't had more opportunities to prove himself.

He's never let the team down. He scored ten goals in 16 League appearances last season, which is the kind of return that would please any First Division striker.

That's why he is such a big favourite with the fans.

Sparingly

Sexton has felt that Ritchie needed protecting, to be used sparingly rather than flung in for a long run in the first team.
Says the United boss: "He's

stronger physically now and that much better a player. He will always score goals.

The reason he hasn't had more chances in the team is the same reason David Fairclough hasn't at Liverpool. We've been doing very well and so I have stuck with my successful players."

Ritchie feels he is about ready for regular first team football and would even consider moving if that's the only way he could get it. But having been born in Cheadle, he's always been a red-hot United



ANSWERS

was not a penalty. 1. Wave play on (b) 2. No. 3. Wave play on (b). 4. Indirect free-kick. 5. Yes. At a match between Tottenham and Coventry, Glenn Hoddle appealed for a penalty, my linesman thought he had been fouled but I could not agree. After the match the Tottenham midfield star admitted it was not a penalty.

SUCH has been England's abysmal lack of success in the last two World Cups and European Championship that even the very fact of qualifying for the closing stages of the latter this year might be regarded as a mild cause for rejoicing.

Since the start of the Green-wood Era, though, England's fortunes have escalated so dramatically to the good that there are now realistic hopes of something quite a bit better than merely being

Depressingly, in latter years, the team has all too often slouched off at Wembley to an embarrassing silence . . . even, occasionally, to the odd jeers and whistles.

Happily, no longer. The Wemb-ley crowd couldn't fail to get behind a Greenwood-inspired side which lost only three times in his

first 28 games in charge of the team.

Greenwood would be the first to acknowledge that having a super little Action Man as skipper helps more than somewhat as he steers England back on the right lines, but both he and Kevin Keegan would agree in pinpointing a great





1978-to-1980 Competition

GROUP ONE Denmark 3. Eire 3 Denmark 3, Eire 3
Eire 0, Northern Ireland 0
Denmark 3, England 4
Denmark 2, Bulgaria 2
Eire 1, England 1
Northern Ireland 2, Denmark 1
Bulgaria 0, Northern Ireland 2
England 4, Northern Ireland 0
Eire 2, Denmark 0 Northern Ireland 2, Bulgaria 0 Northern Ireland 2, Bulgaria 0
Bulgaria 1, Eire 0
Bulgaria 0, England 3
Denmark 4, Northern Ireland 0
England 1, Denmark 0
Eire 3, Bulgaria 0
Northern Ireland 1, England 5
Bulgaria 3, Denmark 0
England 2, Bulgaria 0
Northern Ireland 1, Eire 0
England 2, Eire 0

(Group winners: England)

GROUP TWO GROUP IWO
Norway 0, Austria 2
Belgium 1, Norway 1
Austria 3, Scotland 2
Portugal 1, Belgium 1
Scotland 3, Norway 2
Austria 1, Portugal 2
Portugal 1, Scotland 0
Belgium 1, Austria 1 Austria 0, Belgium 0 Norway 0, Portugal 1 Norway 0, Scotland 4 Austria 4, Norway 0 Norway 1, Belgium 2 Belgium 2, Portugal 0 Scotland 1, Austria 1 Portugal 3, Norway 1 Belgium 2, Scotland 0 Belgium 2, Scotland 0 Portugal 1, Austria 2 Scotland 1, Belgium 3 Scotland 4, Portugal 1

(Group winners: Belgium) GROUP THREE

GROUP THREE
Yugoslavia 1, Spain 2
Rumania 3, Yugoslavia 2
Spain 1, Rumania 0
Spain 5, Cyprus 0
Cyprus 0, Yugoslavia 3
Rumania 2, Spain 2
Cyprus 1, Rumania 1
Spain 0, Yugoslavia 1
Yugoslavia 2, Rumania 1
Yugoslavia 5, Cyprus 0
Rumania 2, Cyprus 0
Cyprus 1, Spain 3
(Group winners: Spain)

(Group winners: Spain) **GROUP FOUR**

Iceland 0, Poland 2 Holland 3, Iceland 0 East Germany 3, Iceland 1 Switzerland 1, Holland 3 Holland 3, East Germany 0 play-for-each-other team-spirit across the board as big a successfactor as any.

Certainly England's qualifying Group, on paper anyway, looked easier than some. But, nonetheless, the results were often impressive — including 13 goals in four away ties.

Finishing unbeaten, only Eire were able to take a point off England and the nine goals in two games against the Ulstermen provided a nightmare probably unmatched in Pat Jennings' long and distinguished career between the posts.

Denmark scored three times in Copenhagen in the opening match, but one goal apiece from the two Irelands were the only others in England's eight ties.

Unfortunately, from a British standpoint, none of the other



Enzo Bearzot and Ron Greenwood have combined friendship and rivalry.

Certainly England's tremendous 3-1 victory over World Champions' Argentina at Wembley last month has sent Greenwood's team to traly filled with enthusiasm and confidence.

Even their indifferent form in the British Championship, when an experimental side was handed a 4-1 thrashing by Wales, cannot hide the fact that England are standing on the threshold of soccer glory once again.

The absence of the injured Trevor Francis from the England party in Italy has obviously been deeply felt, but David Johnson and Paul Mariner have shown the kind of return to form which has helped cushion the blow.

supremo.

Greenwood has shown loyalty and patience in his team selections during his three years in control, and this understanding approach has been reciprocated by his back-up team as well as by the men with the authority in the Football Association.

Without doubt England's fearsome reputation has been worrying the Italian boss Enzo Bearzot, a friend and admirer of Greenwood.

"At this stage of such an important international competition you've got to meet the top sides at some time" he says.

some time," he says.
"But I would have preferred to have been playing against West Germany or Holland rather than England in our group.

"I'm a great admirer of English football, and always want to see it do well, but not, I hope, at Italy's

JEERS TURM TO CHEERS



home nations could make it. Despite their heavy defeats by England, Northern Ireland finished runners-up in Group One, but Scot-

land had some dismal results.
The Scots did finally come good with a convincing 4-1 trouncing of Portugal but, by then, their group had already been won by Belgium.

Wales, as always, fought bravely
— and, for a time, topped their
group — but it would always have
taken a very naive punter to have
bet much on anyone other than
the West Germans getting through
in the end.

So the last eight — broken up into two final groups — saw England paired with host-nation Italy, Spain, and Belgium; with the 1976 Finalists, Czechoslovakia and West Germany, lining-up with Holland and Greece . . . and the two groupwinners facing each other in the Rome Final on 22nd June.

Dave Watson (left) heads England towards Italy with this headed goal against Northern Ireland. There was even an injury scare over Keegan following the European Cup Final which happily proved unfounded, but England have not been the only nation to be robbed of valuable talent on the even of the Finals.

eve of the Finals.

Klaus Fischer, the lethal West
German striker and his country's
leading scorer in the Qualifying
games, broke a leg, while Italy's
highly-rated young star Paolo
Rossi was sensationally banned
for three years for his part in the
bribes scandal which is currently
rocking Italian football.

Unfortunately by the time this article appears, England's Group results will already be known, but win, lose or draw against Belgium, Spain and Italy, there can be no hiding the fact that Ron Greenwood has made a dramatic impact on the rest of Europe.

Of the eight managers of the competing nations in the European Championship Finals, surely none can feel as secure of retaining his position as the England

Group One

avnanca '

Certainly the volatile Italian crowd will settle for nothing less than outright victory in the Championships from their national favourites.

Their support will certainly unsettle some opponents, but could also work the other way in the final stages of the tournament, when the Italian players will be under intense pressure to produce the football and results demanded of them.

Yet no matter who emerges as the eventual Champions of Europe, one thing is certain — some of the most exciting football talents in the world will be displaying their skills in what will hopefully be a feast of attacking football.

Bettega, Krol, Masny, Keegan, Rummenigge, Causio, Van der Eycken, Asensi, Bonhof, Brandts and Woodcock are just a few of the names who will grace the scene. Let's hope they can all live up to their reputations.

Poland 2, Switzerland 0
Holland 3, Switzerland 0
East Germany 2, Poland 1
Poland 2, Holland 0
Switzerland 0, East Germany 2
Switzerland 2, Iceland 0
Iceland 1, Switzerland 2
Iceland 0, Holland 4
Iceland 0, East Germany 3
Switzerland 0, Poland 2
Poland 1, East Germany 1
Poland 2, Iceland 0
East Germany 5, Switzerland 2
Holland 1, Poland 1
East Germany 2, Holland 3
(Group winners: Holland)
GROUP FIVE
France 2, Sweden 2
Sweden 1, Czechoslovakia 3
Luxembourg 1, France 3
France 3, Luxembourg 0
Czechoslovakia 2, France 0
Luxembourg 0, Czechoslovakia 3
Sweden 3, Luxembourg 0
Sweden 3, Luxembourg 0
Sweden 1, France 3
Czechoslovakia 4, Sweden 1
Luxembourg 1, Sweden 1
France 2, Czechoslovakia 1
Czechoslovakia 4, Luxembourg 0
(Group winners: Czechoslovakia)
GROUP SIX
Finland 3, Greece 0
Finland 2, Hungary 1

Russia 2, Greece 0
Hungary 2, Russia 0
Greece 8, Finland 1
Greece 4, Hungary 1
Hungary 0, Greece 0
Russia 2, Hungary 2
Finland 1, Russia 1
Greece 1, Russia 0
Hungary 3, Finland 1
Russia 2, Finland 2
(Group winners: Greece)
GROUP SEVEN
Wales 7, Malta 0
Wales 1, Turkey 0
Wales 1, Turkey 0
Turkey 2, Malta 1
Turkey 0, West Germany 0
Vales 0, West Germany 2
Wales 0, West Germany 2
Wales 0, West Germany 2
Wales 1, Turkey 2
Turkey 1, Wales 0
West Germany 2, Turkey 0
West Germany 2, Turkey 0
West Germany 3, Malta 0
(Group winners: West Germany)

All but two of the 34 member Associations of U.E.F.A. entered for the 1978-to-1980 competition — Lichtenstein having no international team, and Albania refraining from participation. Italy, as the host-nation, qualified automatically for the final stages.

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June 15: Spain v. Belgium
June 15: Italy v. England Turin
June 18: Spain v. EnglandNaples
June 18: Italy v. Belgium
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FINAL
June 22: Rome (If Final is undecided after extra time, the teams replay in Rome on June 24)



WAS particularly pleased for one player in the Forest side after our European Cup Final win in Madrid — and that was Frank

Gray.
When Frank joined us from Leeds some 12 months ago, he will be the first to admit that it took him time to settle down and find

his feet.

He had to get used to a new style of play to the one with which he had been involved at Elland Road and that's never easy, especially for an outfield player.

At the beginning of last season

Frank seemed hesitant and lacking in confidence but as the months went by, there's no doubt he

Frank Gray has made a big improvement since his move to Forest from Leeds.

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Frank became a more complete player, tightening up his defensive play and revealing the kind of forward flair that prompted Brian Clough and Peter Taylor to buy him

Like me, he came close to missing the Madrid Final because of a calf strain and, in fact, had to be substituted near the end of the match because he could not con-

When we got back into the dressing-room we heard that Frank not been able to bear the anxiety of watching the game and had gone down the tunnel for the last few minutes.

When it was all over no one was more delighted than him because he had been on the losing side with Leeds in the 1975 European Cup Final against Bayern Munich in Paris.

Now Frank's looking forward to winning more honours with Forest and if he continues to perform like he has done, he'll no doubt play a big part in the further success we hope to achieve. Certainly if he can maintain his current form he must force his way back into the Scotland reckoning.

'Forest defensive? Rubbish!

NOW for a hat-trick ... that's the attitude of us all at Nottingham Forest following our second European Cup Final victory in. Madrid.

We are already among that elite band of clubs who have been able to retain the trophy and we are desperately keen to go a stage further and become the first British club to win it three times in a row.

It won't be easy because apart from all the clubs on the Continent setting out to topple the holders there's a team called Liverpool who will be particularly keen to knock us off the top pedestal in Europe.

After all, that's what we have done to them so you can imagine the competition we'll be up against when we continue our defence of the trophy in September.

One thing is for sure, though, it's going to take an extremely talented side to slacken our grip on the big, beautiful trophy that we brought back to England.

Hamburg are a very good side, both technically and skill-wise, but

that's for all the effort of Kevin Keegan and flair of other players like Manny Kaltz, there was nothing they could do to stop us.

I made some saves — and got a lot of good publicity — but it was team effort which got us through the Final, where we had to put more emphasis on defence that we would have liked.

Adventurous

But to say Forest are a defensive team is unfair. In fact, it was being too adventurous at times that cost us quite a few goals last season.

How could any side be labelled defensive with attacking full-backs like Viv Anderson and Frank Gray? Our style of play is geared to going forward but Hamburg didn't allow us to settle into an attacking groove.

I'm sorry for those people who were a little disappointed about the Final but I can assure you that we were delighted and what's more we have a trophy which means more than any word of 'I migh

D LIKE to get something straight about stories saying that I am going to be the next English player to sign for a foreign club.

It all got blown out of proportion when I was told by a journalist that Barcelona were supposed to be interested in signing me after the European

supposed to be interested in signing me after the European Cup Final.

I was asked if I would like to play abroad and I said that if any offer came in for me, I would have to listen to it.

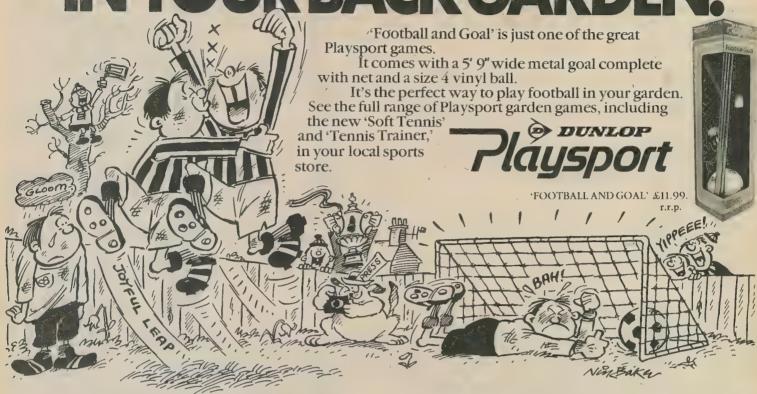
But I said then, and I will underline it now.

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SHEFFIELD Wednesday fans cal-led it daylight robbery when goalkeeper Chris Turner was sold to Sunderland last summer.

They considered a fee of £75,000 was far too small for a 'keeper who had just been voted the best in the Third Division by his fellow professionals in the PFA poll.

And they can still be heard mut-

tering that it was one of the few mistakes made by manager Jack Charlton as he built the side which successfully achieved promotion last season.

Even Sunderland manager Ken Knighton says: "Whenever I go back to Sheffield, there's always

somebody accusing me of pinching Chris off them at that price.
"Certainly, it was great value for money. Chris is not only a fine keeper, he's a model professional who never gives a moment of trouble."

Knighton bases his judgment on several years' knowledge of

Turner's ability - he helped coach the player when Turner first arrived at the Hillsborough club as a 15-year-old and they even played together in the reserves.

Sunderland's fans have seen him

for less than a season and they already agree with Knighton's glowing praise of the 21-year-old. He has impressed them with his

Sunderland

piece of business.

Knighton

keeper (above)

boss (left)

that his signing of goal-keeper Chris Turner

(above) from Sheffield Wednesday was a great

handling and agility which was good enough to keep the experi-enced and highly-rated Barry Siddall out of the side for much of

Yet, when Turner agreed to move to Roker, he didn't expect to play more than a handful of League games last season.

"Barry's such a great 'keeper that I was resigned to spending most of my first season in the reserves," he said.

"Obviously, I was hoping for a chance, but I would have been happy with five or six games while I settled in at the club. So I'm staggered with the way things have gone, especially after helping

the club to win promotion. "So I've no regrets about leaving Sheffield, even though it is my hometown and I still plan to return there when I retire.

The time was right for me to go because I didn't seem to figure in Jack Charlton's plan, but there are no hard feelings and I still see Jack when I go back to Yorkshire.

'Loyalties'

"Of course, it's nice to hear that the Hillsborough fans haven't forgotten me, but all my loyalties are now with Sunderland."

Apart from doing well in the First Division, Turner's ambition is to battle his way back into Ron Greenwood's England plans.

Turner had two years with the England youth squad, the second as first choice in front of Chris Woods, then with Nottingham

Now, Gary Bailey is the 'keeper in the Under-21 side, with Woods since transferred to QPR - as the reserve.

A number of players have made the step up from the youth side in Turner's season to the current Under-21 squad, including Vince Hilaire and Kenny Sansom. Turner to join them and no on to wants to join them and go on to even more international honours.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed," says the 'keeper who was a target for Watford before settling on Sunderland.

PAINTING HELPS T the end of the 1979-80 sea-

AT the end of the 1979-80 sea-release by Newcastle United, John Bird shocked the North East soccer fans by turning down a string of lucrative offers from other clubs and joined Fourth Division Hart-

The big centre-half admitted that he had turned his back on deals which would have offered him more money and greater security than he had known in his career of 14 seasons.

Hull City and Bristol Rovers moved in with financial inducements which Bird confessed had astonished him, and an unsuccessful attempt to lure him to the United States for a weekly wage packet of one thousand dollars was made by Minnesota Kicks.

So what made John plump for the far less glamorous world of Hartlepool? Bird had no difficulty

in answering.

He said: "It's simply a matter of what you want out of life, and the quality of it. Admittedly, I could

earned have more elsewhere, and continued to play at a higher level. But to do so would have meant giving up something that has become tre-mendously important to me — my

painting."
And for those who know Bird, his decision to continue with his painting, and the art gallery he runs, is a logical one in view of the way he has combined his football career with his work as an artist.

Bird was transferred to Newcastle United from Preston against the wishes of the Deepdale boss at that time, Bobby Charlton - in fact, Charlton resigned his position as manager to show his disapproval of the move.

Bird had an up and down existence at Newcastle, and it was dur-



ing a spell in the reserves last season that his attitude to soccer underwent a transformation.

"I was worried when I was drop ped into the reserves, and as I have always found that painting eased my mind, I began to spend a lot of time working in oil." But even before his exile in the

Central League, painting had become far more than a hobby to Bird. He developed a highly successful business, and last year his company arranged an exhibition of original paintings, and also some of his own work, which John soon realised was good enough to sell.
"If I had moved from the area, I

would almost certainly have had

to forfeit everything I had built up in that other career. And I spent many sleepless nights trying to piece all the other alternatives together before finally convincing myself that Hartlepool was the right move for me.

'In the end, I couldn't face leaving a major part of my life behind me. Previously, all my moves had been straightforward — from Doncaster to Preston and then to Newcastle were arranged and carried through with no fuss.

"Yet, recently at the age of 31, it came as a shock to me to realise I was receiving financial offers which were a long way in advance of anything I had known before."

Now, following his departure from St. James' Park to the Vic-toria Ground, Bird is able to follow the lifestyle he had adopted at Newcastle, but stresses he is not settling for an easier life by stepping down into a lower class of football.

He says: "In some ways I am under more pressure than at any other time in my career. There is no way I intend to let down the Hartlepool chairman Mr Barker, or my new manager Billy Horner.

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VHY VILLA'S GIBSON WATCHES COLIN Gibson, the Aston Villa Cleft-back, has never pulled on an England shirt at any level. "I was never considered good enough for that," says the 19-year-old Bridport-born footballer. "I think I was too inexperienced at BIRMINGHA

defensive qualities when it was

time for the youth call up. I'd only played at left-back for about seven months. If I'd been a full-back for about three or four years then the chance might have come, but I hadn't and that was that."

Now the international future looks a little bit brighter for the former schoolboy winger from Portsmouth. "Next season Derek Statham and Kenny Sansom will be too old for the Under-21 team, he says. "That leaves Mark Dennis and possibly me as the main con-

tenders.
"Obviously one of my ambitions is to play for my country. I want to emulate what Mark has done. We're both similar types of players. I think he's slightly better in defence than I am. I prefer to go forward more than he does. If there is a difference, then that would be it.

"I know Mark very well and we're great rivals, actually. It was a marvellous feeling for me when he was selected for the Under-21s against Bulgaria, but at the same

ston Villa's Colin Gibson (right) and Birmingham's Mark Dennis (left) are great friends off the pitch but rivals for the England Under 21 team on it.

time, I was envious.
"I go to watch Birmingham as often as possible. Mark has played more League games than I have and I feel I can learn from him. You can see the confidence oozing. Some of the things he does have come from experience and I know I've got a hell of a battle there. He's a great player.

"Sometimes he goes in a little clumsily like I do. That's over enthusiasm more than anything. Up to now I've got away with it, but he hasn't. He's just been unlucky in the penalty-area and has given a few spot kicks away.

"I hope that doesn't happen to don't want my luck to change. Besides pushing Mark first team place at Aston Villa.

"The boss, Ron Saunders, is not one to lavish praise and if things are not going right, then you can expect some verbal stick. He doesn't do it publicly. Even so, you feel about two inches tall and ou don't like him very much. In fact, you hate him.

"Then you turn round and say to yourself, 'Right, I'll show him.' But that's the type of player he wants, those who will prove him wrong." Gibson arrived at Villa Park in

1976 after being released by Portsmouth. "I came as a left winger," he says, "but it soon became obvious to everybody that wasn't going to make it as a flankman.

'Interested'

"Coaches Frank Upton and Bill Shorthouse asked me if I would like to play at left-back in a practice

match. I played quite well and it's gone on from there.

"When I played on the wing I found that I didn't get a lot of space to go forward. So when I went to full-back all I was interested in was moving forward and ested in was moving forward and trying to find more space to run into from a deep position.

"I was always good at going forward, but my defensive qualities were never up to standard. I spent two and a half years concentrating and developing my defensive game. It was hard work, I can

"I'm a natural left footer, but I'm not exactly the type of player who has lots of little touches and skill. I do a lot of running and I just try to use my speed to beat the opposing defenders. I like to get my crosses in and then get back to stop

Colin's full debut came against Derby County at Villa Park at the end of the 1978/79 season. "I scored an own goal in that game," he recalls. "It was 3-2 to us and I sliced the ball into my own net to make it 3-3."

A disastrous moment maybe, but not one to dwell upon. For last season Gibson scored his first ever League goal on January 12th against Everton at Villa Park in a

"That's when I put the ball into the proper net," he says. "I was over the moon. Apart from getting into the first team, that's the best feeling I've ever had.



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IANS come true. In July, this quietly spoken 18-year-old from Flint in North Wales will report for preseason training at Liverpool, change in the dressing room alongside the greatest names in the world — and be one of them.

pace; he has control; he wants to learn. But, above all, lan is a natural scorer. He works out positioning beautifully and is very cool in the box."

Rush, now touching six feet, is not yet in the John Toshack class as a header. Inevitably comparisons will be made between the two who have trodden very much

to score goals for Liverpool

What is more, it has all happened in six months for lan who admits: "Until I signed at the end of last season just in time to play a couple of Central League games, I didn't know one player at Liverpool, I'd seen them only on televi-sion and my first look around Anfield came on the day we agreed

'Bob Paisley took me on a trip around the ground and it was all rather overwhelming. But now I've had time to think about it, I'm sure I can cope. In fact, I'm looking forward to training and - with any luck — playing alongside men like Kenny Dalglish, David Johnson, and Terry McDermott.

Plainly Liverpool believe that he will do just that. Even in these days of transfer markets gone crazy, £300,000 for an 18-year-old with half a season of regular Third Division football and two Welsh caps in the British Championship represents a very important deal.

Chester manager Alan Oakes says: "In my view, it won't take lan very long. The lad will start push-

ing from the moment he arrives.
"He has the kind of ability that stands out a mile. He has been coming to Chester since he was around 13 and, frankly, we've never had a doubt from the first time we saw him."

Thoughtful

In fact Oakes has been convinced about the talent of Rush far more than the teenager himself. When Chester's thoughtful manager called in his star protege to tell him of Liverpool's interest, Rush was almost bowled over.

'I didn't think that a club like Liverpool, the best in the country, would want me and be prepared to pay that kind of money," he con-

Oakes sums up Liverpool's initiative in more realistic terms. 'He scores with either foot: he has

'No, he is not as good in the air as John; but I believe that he will very quickly show that he is better on the ground," says Oakes. "What is more, he is working very hard on improving his heading.

From the moment that Rush arrived regularly in Chester's first team just a couple of weeks after his 18th birthday in October, he was hitting the target. By the time he left Sealand Road, he was nudging 20 goals . . . a remarkable introduction to League football.

Chester scooped the pool in signing Rush, just as they did by snapping up the Futcher twins, Paul and Ron, in the early 1970's. "It was the only club I wanted to join," he says. "I went to Birmin-

gham, Wrexham and Burnley but Chester treated me best of all."

Chester won easily and it is now with real sadness that Oakes says: 'We're so sorry to see him leave but talent like lan Rush has to go to the very top."



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